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MR. SOONG ARRIVES IN AMERICA FOR ROOSEVELT CONFERENCE



Lieut.-General Don Jose Cavalcanti, leader of the Madrid rebels, who has been sentenced to death by a Military Tribunal for his part in the Monarchist revolt which took place in Spain last August. The condemned man was military chief under ex-King Alfonso and Commander-General of Melilla, N. Africa. —(S. & G.)

RAIL ISSUES INCREASE ON WALL STREET

Shares Show Strength In Late Trading.

SILVER REFLECTS DECLINE IN LONDON

New York, To-day. Although business reached a considerable figure on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, trading was not so brisk as on Monday. Shares, with the exception of industrial holding, showed an average improvement.

In their daily report, Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company, through their local correspondents, Messrs. Asia Lands, Ltd., state:—

"The strength of railroad issues was featured in late trading and we believe that should this continue to-morrow, we will hear of increased profit-taking. In the market for industrial issues it is possible that quite a little irregularity is just ahead."

Wheat: A nervous recovery followed the early weakness, probably in the expectation that the House would pass the Inflation Bill. There was a good demand for cotton throughout the session from Commission Houses.

Silver reflected partially the decline in London, long profit-taking and some bank selling. Socony omits its usual dividend."

Business done was 3,900,000 shares as against 6,050,000 shares on Monday.

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DOLLAR FAILS TO HOLD GAIN.

Silver Loses Ground To 20 1/4.

A decline of 1/4 is indicated in the local dollar, which opened this morning at 1/4.

Silver prices showed slight weakness yesterday following their advance on Monday. Both spot and the country under licence issued by forward silver opened this morning at 20 1/4, showing declines of 1/4 and 5/16 respectively.

Sterling in relation to the American dollar showed little fluctuation, the London on New York rate improving 1/4 to 2-443.88 1/2 while the New York on London rate declined from 2-443.90 1/2 to 2-443.88 1/2.

CHINESE DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON

Promises Co-operation On Economic Talks.

DELEGATION WILL GO TO LONDON FROM U. S. CAPITAL

Seattle, To-day.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chinese Minister of Finance, accompanied by other Chinese delegates, arrived here yesterday and is proceeding to Washington to discuss matters with President Roosevelt, preparatory to the World Economic Conference which opens in London on June 12.

Interviewed by pressmen on his arrival, Mr. Soong said that China will do all within her power to make the Conference achieve its desired object.

After their stay in Washington, the Chinese delegates will go direct to London to attend the Conference.—Reuter.

Nine Power Treaty.

China will not invoke the Nine-Power Treaty at the proposed International Economic Conference to be held in London, according to a Shanghai spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Mr. Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, who will be host to Mr. Soong.

In a press interview, the spokesman said that contrary to reports stating that China would avail herself of the opportunity to invoke the treaty at the conference, Nanking would find it difficult to do so. He made it clear that it was futile to invoke any international peace treaty if Japan insisted on resorting to force.

ITALIAN DELEGATE ARRIVES

Washington, To-day. Signor Guido Jung, the Italian Foreign Minister has arrived here for the economic discussions with President Roosevelt.

He went to the White House last night to attend a state dinner.—Reuter.

Canada And Gold Standard.

DOMINION ON SAME STATUS AS IN SEPTEMBER, 1931.

Ottawa. Reports that Canada had definitely abandoned the gold standard prompted the Department of Finance to state that the Dominion remains on the gold standard to the same extent as it has been since September, 1931, that is to say, gold can only be exported from the country under licence issued by the Department of Finance.

The reports, which chiefly emanated from the United States, are believed here to arise from the coming into operation of the recent amendment to the Dominion Notes Act. The amendment gives the Governor-General in Council the power to suspend the redemption of Dominion notes in gold.—Reuter.

3-DAY MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN SHANGHAI

Tsinan Anniversary Precaution In Chinese City

Shanghai, To-day.

On the occasion of the anniversary to-day of the Tsinan incident, Martial Law has been proclaimed in the Chinese city of Shanghai and will be enforced for three days.—Reuter.

ONE INCH OF RAIN

Effect Of Last Night's Thunderstorm.

NEGLECTIBLE CHANGE IN WATER LEVELS

Many residents were taken un-awares by the thunderstorm which broke over Hong Kong at 10 o'clock, last night. Rain poured down in a continuous shower for half-an-hour, and continued during the night.

Pedder Street was awash with water, and a stream about six inches deep flowed down one side of the roadway. Two enterprising Europeans took off their shoes and socks and waded barefooted across the road.

Enquiries made at the Royal Observatory revealed that 1.095 inches of rain fell.

Last night's rainfall will make only a slight difference to water levels in the local reservoirs.

SPANISH AIRMAN IN COLONY

Arrives By Boat, Having Sold His Plane.

LORING'S MACHINE TO BE HOUSED AT KAI TAK

Senor Fernando Rein y Loring, the noted Spanish airman, who passed through Hong Kong on April 9 on his flight from Madrid to Manila, arrived in the Colony again, this morning on his return journey to Spain.

He travelled from Manila in the s.s. Empress of Asia, and will continue by another steamer, as he has sold his machine to the Far East Aviation Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong.

The Far East Aviation Co., Ltd., will take delivery of the plane this morning, and it will be towed along the road from the Kowloon wharf to Kai Tak aerodrome. It is probable that the machine will be used for demonstration flights in Hong Kong.

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STUDENTS FINED

St. Joseph's College Pupils In Court.

THROWING STONES AT A LAMP POST

Six students of St. Joseph's College this morning appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, charged with throwing stones in Kennedy Road, near Mouth Road.

Sub Inspector W. H. Nolloth, said the accused were standing in the middle of Kennedy Road yesterday evening, throwing stones at a lamp post, one of which hit and broke a glass pane in a house nearby.

The first accused, a Chinese student, and the third accused, a West Indian, were discharged owing to insufficient evidence.

Mr. Schofield:—I am afraid the rest of you will have to abandon stone throwing as a sport in the future. You are each fined \$10.

PEAK QUARTERS FOR HONG KONG SENIOR OFFICERS

\$310,277 Supplementary Estimates.

ADAPTION OF OLD SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$310,277 will be presented for approval to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

The sum of \$14,500 for the purchase of one accounting machine for the Treasury is asked for, in case of a breakdown in the machine at present in use, while \$12,275 is required for the rent of married police quarters, owing to the necessity of renting ten additional flats.

Gratuities to the staff of the Government Optum Factory, which is now closed down will absorb a sum of \$3,886. Nineteen discharged hands will receive sums averaging \$200 each.

Public Works extraordinary call for many additional items of expenditure, the principal item being \$19,000 for the purchase of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute for adaption as offices. Of this sum, \$12,000 is needed for structural alterations.

The purchase of No. 407, the Peak, for use as Senior Officers' quarters, involves the sum of \$40,000.

Improvements to Fanling Water Works will absorb \$8,840. Owing to a misunderstanding consequent upon changes in the Waterworks Office personnel, proposals for the completion of this work were not put forward in the draft estimates for 1933. The present system is barely capable of meeting the requirements of the district and it is urged that the work be completed as soon as possible.

A sum of \$700 is required for the Kowloon Junior School Drill Hall, the expenditure being due partly to a change of site and partly to the cost of the work being under-estimated. Three rooms and a yard for laundry work at the Kowloon Hospital has become a necessity with the erection of the new Maternity Block, and for this work, a sum of \$2,250 is needed.

The condemnation of Beaconsfield Arcade has necessitated the removal of the Sanitary District Office and the Statistical Office to Central Market and Fire Station Building respectively. Alterations for the accommodation of these offices will cost \$4,250.

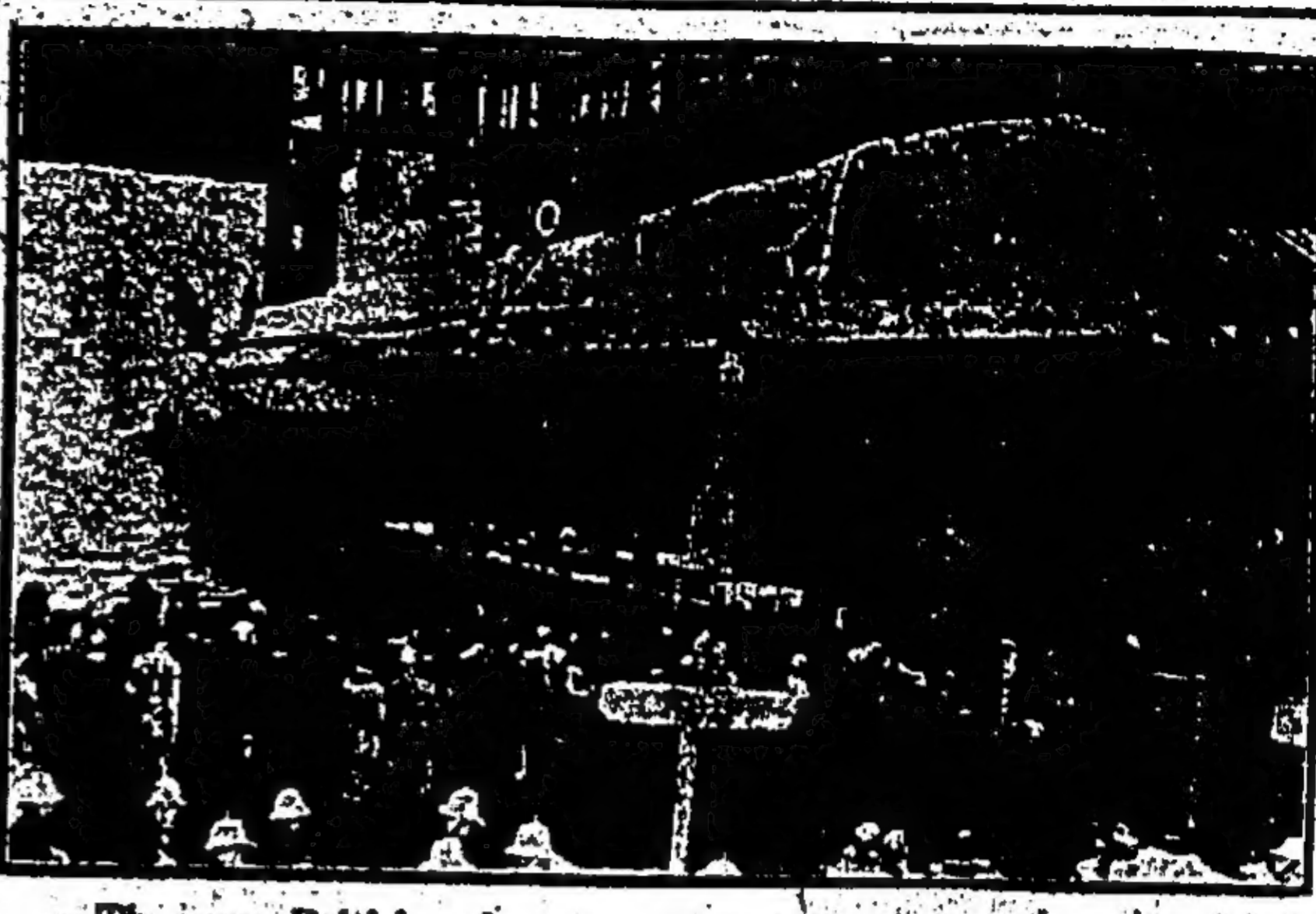
ARMS EQUALITY FOR JAPAN

Present Ratios Termed "Invidious."

Tokyo, To-day.

A Government spokesman to-day indicated that Japan in the future is likely to press for equality in armaments in principle, as the present system of ratios is considered "invidious" owing to the implication of inferiority.—Reuter.

The Directors of the British Trading Insurance Company, Ltd., will recommend the payment of a dividend of 9 1/2 per share for the year ended December 31, 1932. The recommendation is subject to audit.



The new British submarine, "Starfish," taking the water at Chatham Dockyard after being launched by Mrs. S. O. Summers, Mayoress of Gillingham. H.M. Submarine "Starfish" and her sister vessel, "Seahorse," were ordered in March, 1931. There are four vessels of this class and they are 187 ft. long, 24 ft. beam with a standard displacement of 640 tons.—(S. & G.)

PITTSBURGH BEATEN IN U.S. BASEBALL

Chuck Klein's Homer Saves Phillies.

GIANTS BLANKED 11-0

New York, To-day.

Chuck Klein, the Phillies' star batter, was responsible for the Pirates' first defeat in six games at Pittsburgh yesterday. It was the home team's third defeat in fifteen games.

Heavy hitting by the Cubs, for whom Hartnett hit two four-baggers and Steppenson one, and fine pitching by Warneke blanked the Giants to a 11-0 defeat—their sixth of the season.

Rain held up play in the American League, the games between the Athletics and White Sox, and the Senators and Indians being abandoned.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

National League.

Chicago 11 15 1
Hartnett (2) and Steppenson hit homers.

New York 0 3 1
Warneke pitched.

Cincinnati 2 7 0
Durocher and Lombardi hit homers.

Boston 1 6 1
Pittsburgh 5 10 0
Philadelphia 6 9 1
Chuck Klein hit a homer.

St. Louis 13 14 9
J. Wilson and Martin hit homers.

Brooklyn 4 10 3
Flowers hit a homer.

American League.

Boston 1 8 0
St. Louis 2 7 1
Garms hit a homer.

New York 2 10 0
Detroit 3 6 1

(Tables on Page 9.)

RUBBER RESEARCH IN BRITAIN.

Manufacturers To Pay Contributions.

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords yesterday, the Government Bill introduced by Lord Irwin, to provide for a contribution by rubber manufacturers in the United Kingdom to the Research Association of British Rubber Manufacturers, was read for the first time.—Reuter.

WHY JAPAN WITHDREW FROM LEAGUE

Mr. Matsuoka's Naive Explanation.

"BRITAIN FEARED BOYCOTT IN CHINA"

Tokyo, To-day.

In a broadcast speech to-day Mr. Matsuoka, chief Japanese delegate to the Geneva discussions on the Sino-Japanese situation, said the Powers were not necessarily ill-disposed towards Japan but Britain, fearing the threatened anti-British boycott in Central and South China, suddenly changed her attitude at Geneva.

This, said Mr. Matsuoka, was the major factor in forcing Japan to withdraw from the League.

It is reported that Mr. Matsuoka gave a similar explanation at this morning's Meeting of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

MASSACRE OF 100 CHINESE

Mohammedan Uprising In Yarkand City.

BELEATED DETAILS

Peking, To-day.

A beleated message from Kashgar reveals that a hundred Chinese were massacred in Yarkand Old City on April 11 when the Mohammedan rebels captured the city.

Other residents, including British and Swedish missionaries and traders, escaped safely to Yarkand New City.—Reuter.

31 PROFESSORS DISMISSED.

Prussian Educational Sensation.

Berlin, To-day.

The Prussian Minister of Education has dismissed from Berlin University 22 professors including the well-known Orientalist, M. Eugen Mittwoch, also nine professors from Cologne University.—Reuter.

At 9 p.m. this evening, Professor Weder, who is passing through the Colony, is to give a lecture at the Broadcasting Station, accompanied by Mr. Harry Orr.

\$3,500,000 BUS COMPANY FOR KOWLOON

Expansion Plan.

DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES MAY BE OPERATED

The possibility of double-decker buses being operated on the mainland was revealed to the "China Mail" to-day, by Mr. Louey, manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. In the event of such vehicles being sanctioned by the Government, they will be ordered from Messrs. Thornycroft's or Messrs. Leyland.

With the operation of the franchise on June 11, granted by the Government, all Kowloon buses will be operated by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, and a new company has been formed with an authorised capital of \$3,500,000. Up to two-thirds of the capital will be issued. The capital of the old company was \$250,000.

Plans for expansion have already been considered, and it is probable that new premises will be built for the garaging of the vehicles. If this project is realised, the present premises at Mongkok will be used as a service station.

Eleven routes are at present operated, and it is hoped to increase these to 18, including greater facilities for New Territories travel.

Negotiations are now proceeding for the purchase of the buses operated in Kowloon by the China Motor Bus Company and the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company, the tentative price for 60 vehicles being \$400,000, on a sterling basis.

The negotiation between the China Motor Bus Company, which, on June 11 will assume the monopoly of the island bus services, with the exception of one route, and the owners of the vehicles at present operating, are meeting with little success. An appeal to the Government to act as arbitrator in the matter of vehicle purchase is considered imminent.

RUSSIA'S TRADE WITH POLAND

Moscow Delegation To Study Conditions.

INVITATION FROM POLISH TRADE SOCIETIES

Moscow.

A Soviet economic delegation has left here for Poland upon the invitation of the union of trade and industrial chambers of Poland.

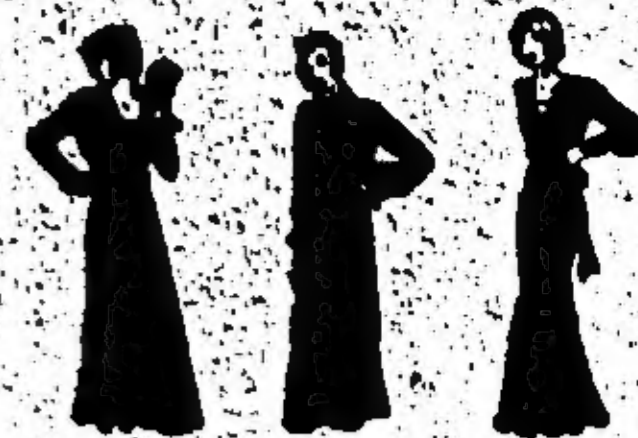
The delegation is headed by M. Boev, Assistant Commissioner of Foreign Trade, and includes M. Tamarin, a member of the Collegium of Foreign Trade, who acts in the capacity of assistant chairman of the delegation, M. Kiselev, who is chairman of the Technical Equipment Importing Trust, M. Hazanov, chairman of the Metal Importing Trust, and M. Barmin, chairman of the Tool Importing Trust.

In addition to the union of industrial chambers, the union of agricultural organisations in Poland, and what is termed the Polish-Soviet Chamber of Commerce of Poland are said to have asked for the delegation to be sent.

The object of the trip is stated to be to study the possibilities of deepening and extending economic relations between Soviet Russia and Poland.—Reuter.



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At the "Concours d'Elegance" organized by the French fashion magazine, "Femina," at St. Moritz, Mrs. Rose Dolly Netcher won a prize for her Molyneux evening gown of vivid green paysan velvet. It was topped by a capelet of the same material, which reached to her elbows in front and dropped to the waist in the back.



Harold Lawrence, who wore a Worth gown in silver wire (the colour and material Worth is sponsoring especially for 1933).

The front décolletage was rather high and rounded, and in the back the gown was held up by a middle strap of a braid of the material, forming a harness for the décolletage cut to the waist. This braid also edged the hem of the skirt.

GLASS HATS FOR BEACH WEAR.

Striking Veil For Motoring.

London.

One of the novelties shown at the British Industries Fair, held recently, was a glass hat for beach wear. It was of smoked glass, with a wide brim and a conical crown.

But the newest "hat of the year" is the flapjack. It is made from fine straw and has a crown as flat as a pancake, perched on a Peterham ribbon bandeau. It looks like a marine's cap and is worn with it and on the veil is struck a diminutive anchor cut out in patent leather.

Another striking veil is the one designed for motoring. It is wound twice round the head and has patent leather discs to protect the ears.

Luton's, the hat-makers, declare that shades of brown will be the most popular this year. They say that hats will be cheaper this coming season than they have been since 1913. And the vogue is like that shown in the Paris exhibition in 1878.—Reuter.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

A Dinner Menu.
(Serving Six)

Frizzled Dried Beef Toast
Spanish Rice Bettina
Bread-Plum Jam
Chocolate Frosting
Sour Milk Chocolate Cake

Frizzled Dried Beef
(Serving Six)

4 tablespoons fat
1/2 pound dried beef
5 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
2 1/2 cups milk

Shred beef with fingers. Heat fat in frying pan. Add and brown beef. Stir constantly. Add flour and cook slowly and stir constantly until it has browned. Add rest of ingredients. Cook slowly until mixture becomes thick and creamy. Serve poured over toast. Garnish with parsley.

Spanish Rice Bettina

4 tablespoons bacon fat
3 tablespoons chopped onions
4 tablespoons chopped green pepper
3 cups boiled rice
6 tablespoons catsup

Heat fat in frying pan. Add and brown onions, pepper and rice. Add rest of ingredients. Cook slowly 6 minutes.

Sour Milk Chocolate Cake

3/4 cup fat
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 cup sour milk
2 squares chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream fat and sugar. Add all rest of ingredients and beat 3 minutes. Pour into 2 layer cake pans lined with waxed paper. Bake 25 minutes in moderately slow oven. Cool and frost.

Chocolate Frosting

4 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons hot coffee
1 square chocolate, melted
1 1/4 cups sifted confectioner's sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Mix ingredients. Beat 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Beat until creamy and frost cake. Broken nuts can be sprinkled over top of cake.



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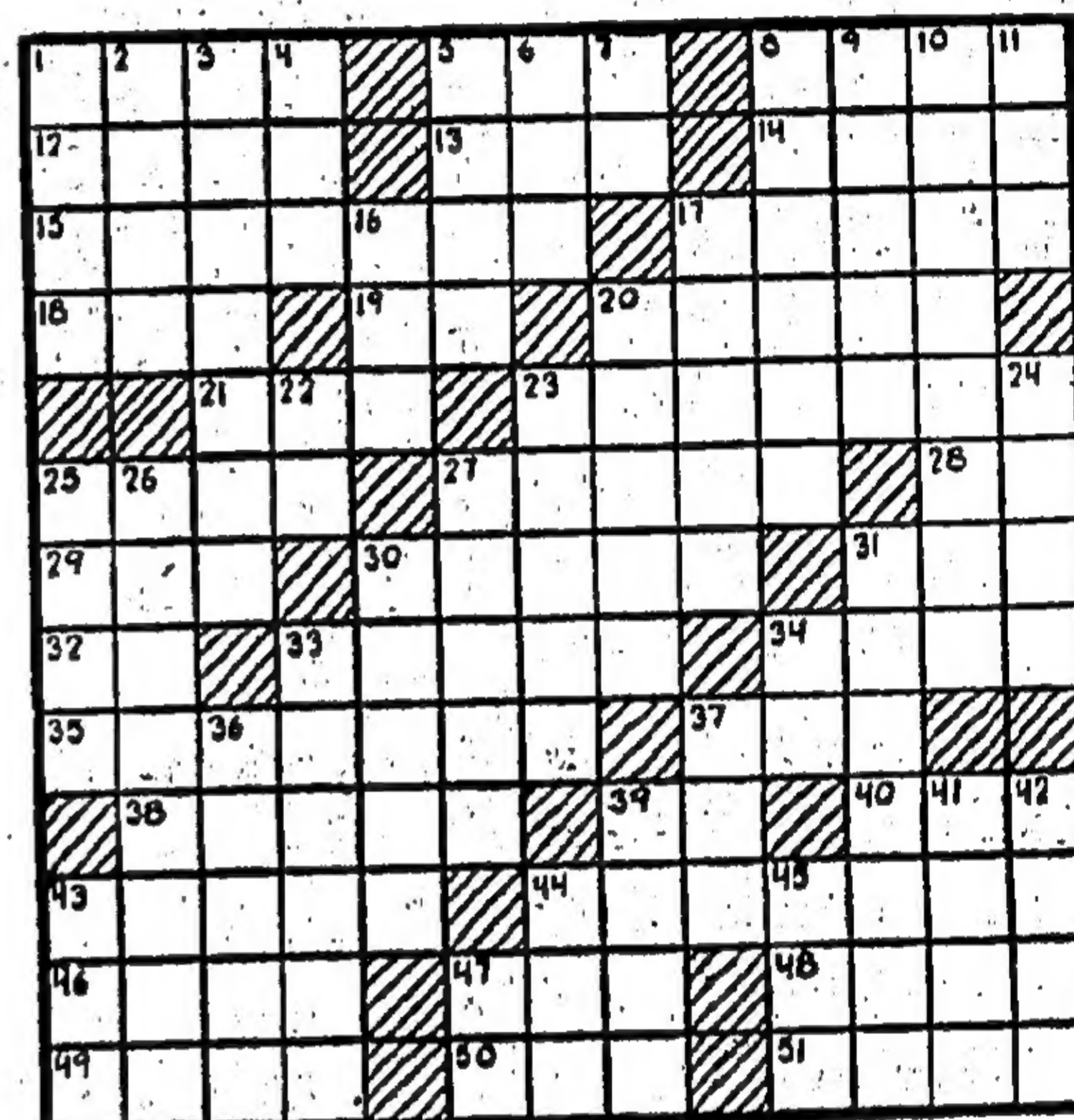
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This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.

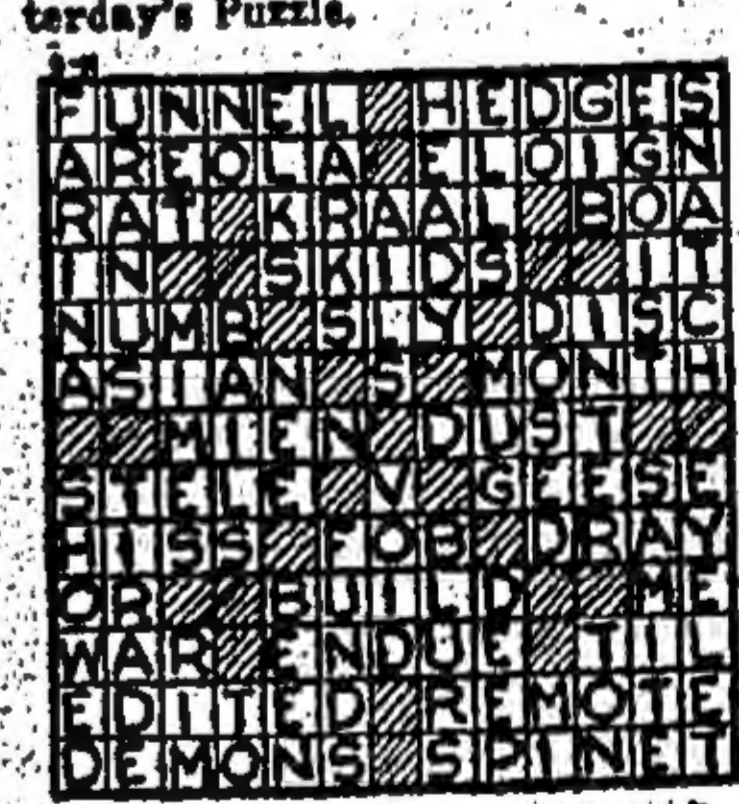


HORIZONTAL
1—cushions.
5—timid.
8—young.
12—one of the Great Lakes.
13—blind.
14—fragrant resin.
15—income.
17—woman newly married.
18—utilize.
19—preposition.
20—push onward.
21—start.
22—office of a college official.
25—urges on.
27—packing case.
28—like.
29—shattered side.
30—travels over water.
31—devoured.
32—indefinite article.
33—ruptures in the skin.
34—breakwater.
35—cuddled up.
37—sun.
38—edible roots of the tropics.

VERTICAL
38—depart.
40—unit of work.
43—ornamental pieces of baked clay.
44—clique.
46—air heroes.
47—extinct flightless bird.
48—implant firmly.
49—doctrines.
50—conclusion.
51—insects.

Across
16—pinch.
17—moly children.
20—distributes cards.
22—exists.
23—made free from moisture.
24—river in France and Belgium.
25—dash.
26—study of heredity.
27—has affection for.
30—compositions for one voice.
31—small accessory plane.
33—emphasis.
34—river in Italy.
36—capital of Oregon.
37—drunkard.
38—rod used to prop up a beam.
41—tumult.
42—obtains.
43—linguistic stock of Indo-China.
44—regard studiously.
45—period of time.
47—myself.

Herewith is the solution to yesterday's Puzzle.



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The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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BRIDGE NOTES

MORE ABOUT THE TWO-CLUB CONVENTION.

DANGEROUS WEAPON FOR MANY BRIDGE PLAYERS.

(By FRANK ENGLAND)

In last week's article I dealt with the original Two-Club bid and the first round responses of partner, and pointed out that the original bidder, at this stage, is only concerned in learning whether his partner holds an ace and a king.

In giving examples to illustrate, an unfortunate error crept in which I hasten to correct. South bids Two Clubs and North, his partner, holds Spade x, x, x, Heart x, Diamond A, K, x, x, Club x, x, x, and should respond Two No Trumps (not Three Diamonds as stated), the reason being that although the Diamond suit is biddable, "only" major suits are bid in the first round of the bidding. Minor suits are bid later if headed by A, K.

The second round bidding is started by the original bidder, who now bids his strong suit in the usual way, and partner's second round responses are as follows: If he can support the suit bid he does so; if not, and he has a biddable minor suit, he shows it, and if he has neither he bids Two No Trumps—again an artificial bid denying strength. Note that the second Two No Trumps bid has quite a different meaning from the first round similar bid.

Suppose South holds Spade A, K, x, x, Heart A, K, J, x, x, Diamond x, Club A, x, and North, Spade x, Heart x, x, x, Diamond x, x, x, Club x, x, x, the bidding would go:

South.
Two Clubs (conventional).
Two Spades.
Three Hearts (showing second suit).

North.
Two Diamonds (conventional).
Two No Trumps.

Four Hearts (showing preference for Hearts over Spades).
Of course, two suits are not the only type of hand suitable for the Two-Club convention. Another type is the game hand when the original bidder only requires information of high cards in his partner's hand for slam purposes.

THREE HANDS.
Suppose South holds: Spade A, K, Q, J, 10, x, x, Heart A, K, Q, Diamond x, x, Club x, and North holds any of the following:

(1)
Spade x, x.
Heart x, x, x.
Diamond x, x, x, x.
Club x, x, x, x.

(2)
Spade x, x, x.
Heart x, x.
Diamond A, x, x, x.
Club K, x, x, x.

(3)
Spade x, x, x.
Heart x, x.
Diamond A, K, x, x.
Club x, x, x, x.
In response to South's Two Club

bid on hands No. (1) North's reply is Two Diamonds denying an Ace and a King. South then bids Two Spades (remember there is no need for South to jump the bidding at any stage, as his partner must keep on bidding until a game is reached). North then bids Two No Trumps, showing the hand contains no other strength and no Spade support, and South closes the bidding with Four Spades, as there is nothing more to hope for beyond game.

On hand No. (2) North's response, holding an Ace and a King and no biddable suit, is Two No Trumps. South bids Three Spades, North Three No Trumps, having shown the full strength of his hand, and South again closes the bidding with Four Spades.

On hand No. (3) North's response is again Two No Trumps, as although he has a biddable suit it is a minor and is not shown the first round. South bids Three Spades, North Four Diamonds and South bids Six Spades. And South now knows, bar accidents, a small slam is a certainty, as North's Diamond suit must be headed by A, K.

The advantages claimed for the Two-Club bid over other forcing original bids are:

(1) That it opens the bidding at a lower stage and keeps it lower the first round by partner's Two Diamond response. This is undoubtedly true, and has an advantage over the Approach Forcing System Two No Trump response, which is apt to crowd the bidding too near the game bid and leave less scope for subsequent bidding on later rounds.

(2) The Two Club allows a natural original bid of Two Spades, etc., on a hand stronger than an original One bid, e.g., one containing 6½ to 7 playing tricks. This "natural" Two bid is at times useful in shutting out the opponents and indicating a trump suit more than the minimum.

DISADVANTAGES.
The disadvantages of the convention to my mind are that it is highly artificial, not only in its original bid but in partner's responses, even on the second round, and for its proper and effective use in practice a thorough knowledge of the convention is essential.

Among all those players who joyously announce that they play or prefer the Two Club, I have come across very few who have anything like an exact knowledge of the convention. In fact, the knowledge of most enthusiasts does not extend beyond the fact that you open with Two Clubs with a strong hand and partner responds with Two Diamonds on a weak one.

Nor is the convention really standardised. Some players require two "quick" tricks for a positive response, which, in my view, is too much to expect; others 1½, not necessarily an Ace and a King, and others again require exactly an Ace and a King. Some regard it as always forcing, even when made at an advanced score of 60 or more; others do not. And all these variations lead to confusion. The result is that in the hands of many players who favour the convention it is a dangerous and disappointing weapon.

TO-DAY'S BRIDGE TIP
N.—Club A, J, 8, 7, 2.
W.—Club K, 4, 3.

South is playing No Trumps and leads Queen of Clubs. What card should West play?

ANSWER
The King, in order to make the 10 good in East's hand if possible.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The programme between 5.30 and 7.15 p.m. and also from 9.30-10.30 p.m. will, provided reception proves satisfactory, be replaced by the Davenport programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor & Brunswick records.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.)

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News. Selected London and New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.30-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

6-6.15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.15 p.m.—Boris Godunov—Revolutionary Scene (Moussorgsky).

Chorus & Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates 9507-3.

7.15 p.m.—Selection London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

7.30-8.15 p.m.—A Concert.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

Song—Song of Autumn (Suziyama), Pampas Grass (Yanada).

Piano Solo—Yosie Fujiwara 4044.

Cradle Song (Brahms), Under the Palms (Albeniz), Alfred Cortot 1271.

Song—At Dawning (Eberhart-Cadman), I Hear a Thrush at Eve (Eberhart-Cadman), John McCormack (Tenor) 742.

Hary Solo—Old Folks at Home (Foster), Home Sweet Home (Payne-Bishop), Alberto Salvi 4001.

Song—A Banjo Song (Weeden-Homer), Oh, Promise Me! (Scott-De Koven), Louise Homer (Contralto).

Violin Solo—At Evening (Friml-Krame), Letter of Love (Gut-Elman), Mischa Elman 1160.

Song—November (Bourget-Tremisot), Plaisir D'Amour (Florin-Martini), Conrad Thibault (Baritone) 1613.

Piano Solo—Albeniz, Soaring (Seiunmann), Wilhelm Bachaus 1443.

8.45-9.30 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—All I Want is Just One, Dancing to Save Your Soul, Gus Arnheim & His Orchestra 22384.

Song—Anniversary Blue Yodel, An Old Time, Jimmie Rodgers 22488.

Vocal Quartet—Jigtime, Whiteman's Rhythm Boys.

Vocal Trio—Sentimental Gentleman from Georgia, The Pickens Sisters 24190.

Instrumental—Honolulu Stomp, Mele of Hawaii, Honolulu Serenaders 21120.

Song—All by Yourself in the Moonlight, Sweetheart of All My Dreams, Johnny Marvin (Comedian) 21851.

Orchestral—Shepherd's Hey, Country Gardens, Victor Concert Orchestra 20802.

9.30-10.10 p.m.—Symphony No. 1 in C Minor (Brahms, Op. 68), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski M-15.

10.10-10.30 p.m.—Dance Tunes: Fox Trot—In the Dim Dim Dawning, Sweet Muchacha, Waring's Pennsylvanians 24189.

Waltz—And Love Was Born, Leo Reisman & His Orchestra 24192.

Fox Trot—We Belong Together, Leo Reisman & His Orchestra 24192.

Fox Trot—Turn Out the Light, Rise N' Shine, Paul Whiteman & His Orch. 24197.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEW**"ROCKABYE"—CENTRAL THEATRE**

"Rockabye," starring Constance Bennett, stresses the theme of mother love. The heroine adopts a baby, only to have it taken away from her when she is involved in a murder case.

Joel McCrea is the young play-wright who attracts Constance, but it is Paul Lukas the ever present best friend and admirer who wins her in the end.

Jobyna Howland enacts the role of the mother, and provides the honour in the picture. She is full of spirits in more senses than one.

This picture was directed by George Cuker, and is rather unusual.

MAIL REVIEW**"FAITHLESS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE**

Tallulah Bankhead scores in a role which calls for some very dramatic portrayal, in "Faithless," the M. G. M. release which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

She plays opposite that star of so many light and comedy dramas, Robert Montgomery, but in this picture there is more of grim reality and less of the romantic light-heartedness that has been Montgomery's lot for so long.

A wealthy and care-free girl squanders away her fortune and faces poverty still refusing to put love before dollars and marry the young man who wants her to live on \$20,000 a year. At length she is willing but things have changed and Bill Wade, an advertisement artist is out of a job.

The girl accepts the comfort and wealth of a middle-aged man in search of romance, but soon tires of it when Bill comes on the scene and the two get married and share tremendous hardships, finding their happiness at last.

The moral of the story, which is about the first real attempt to draw romance out of the hardships of present days conditions, is that the test of matrimony is sacrifice.

MAIL REVIEW**"BACK STREET"—MAJESTIC THEATRE**

In "Back Street," now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Miss Irene Dunne is fortunate in being given so admirable a theme, well-worked out in dialogue and period setting.

No-one should miss the version thus given of Miss Hurst's novel. There is Doris Lloyd who in a few minutes impresses on the mind the portrait of the narrow-minded, domineering step-mother. Zasu Pitts again achieves the same lightning character-drawing. John Boles plays the hero with simple directness and restraint.

MAIL REVIEW**SOCIETY GIRL—ORIENTAL THEATRE**

James Dunn has a role which suits him very well. Opposite him plays Peggy Shannon, and the new choice of his leading lady is a happy one.

Peggy Shannon as a society heiress stages a boxing exhibition for a party, and meets Johnny Malone, who knocks his man down in the main event of the evening. The young hostess is interested in the fighter, and finally succeeds in taking Johnny out of his training.

MAIL REVIEW**"MISCHIEF"—KING'S THEATRE**

It would be difficult to find a more amusing situation than that of a man-about-town who is trying to find an out of the way cottage in Kent, by enquiring in the bar of the local "pub." Yet that supplies only one of the many laughs in "Mischief," now showing at King's Theatre.

Typically English with its humour, "Mischief" provides a welcome change for the jaded cinema-goer, and is totally different and twice as funny as any picture we have seen lately.

Ralph Lynn in the leading role is at his best, and is ably supported by Winifred Shotton in the leading feminine role, Jeanne Stuart and James Carew.

The story, as in most English productions, is rather complicated, but so profuse are the amusing situations, that one scarcely notices the story. The picture should certainly not be missed.

MAIL REVIEW**"SUNSHINE SUSIE"—STAR THEATRE**

"Sunshine Susie," now showing at the Star Theatre, includes in its cast three such great stars as Owen Nares, Jack Hulbert and Renate Muller.

Owen Nares plays the manager of a firm, where Renate Muller the popular German star, portrays a stenographer. These two provide the love interest, while Jack Hulbert fills the picture with laughs.

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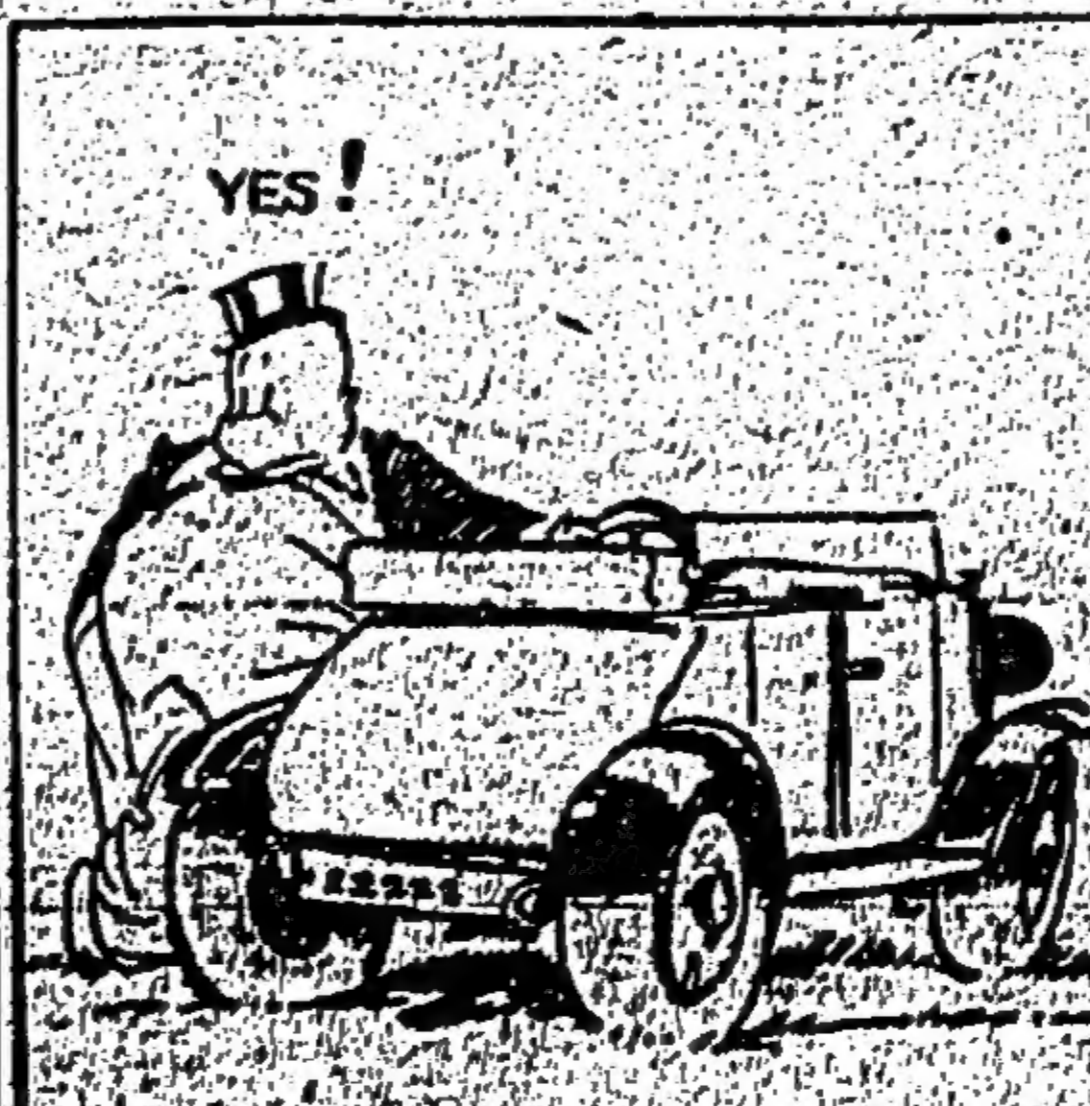



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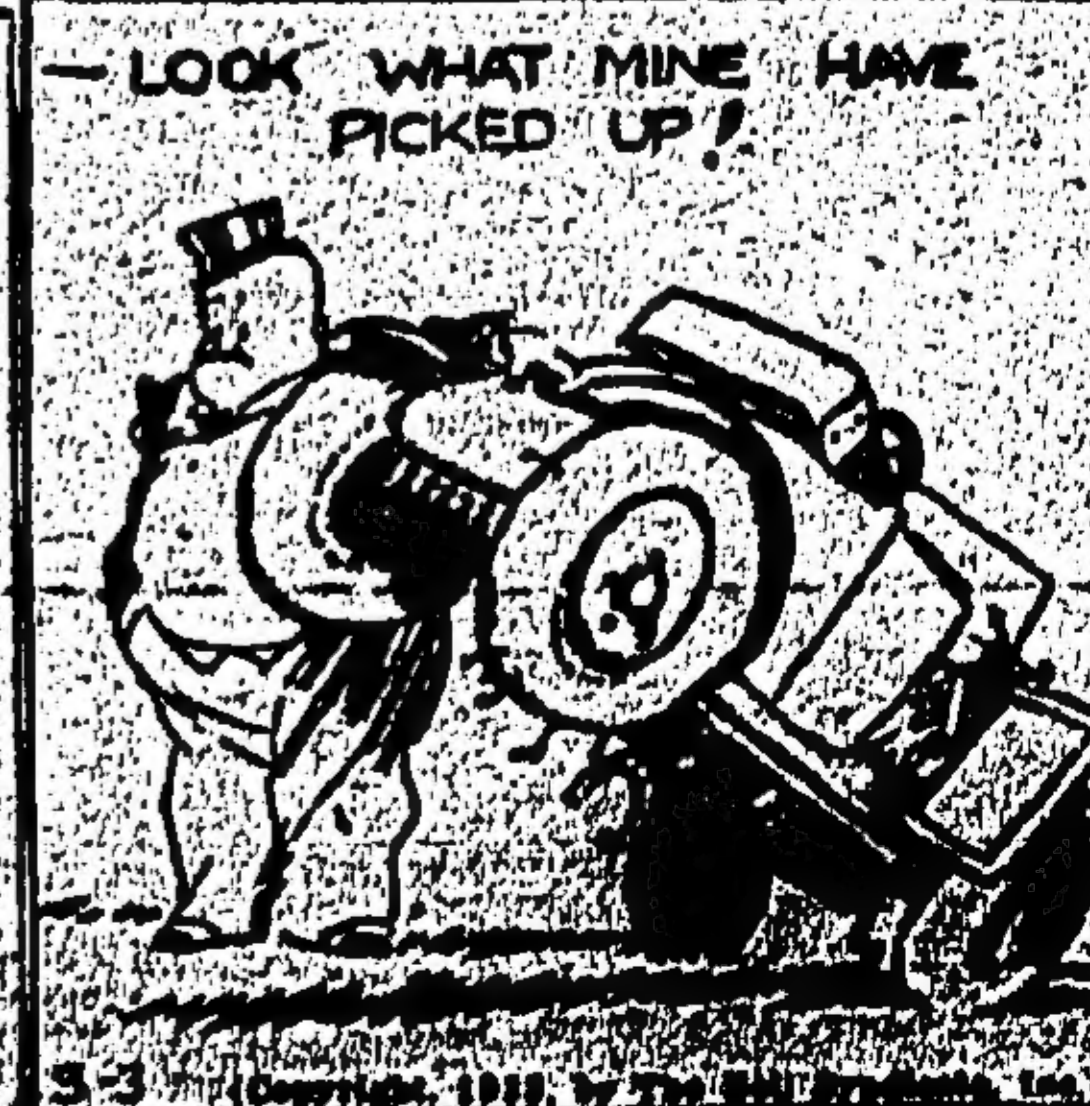
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They look like the sort of girls whom you could ask what they thought of Stalin without being afraid that they would timidly reply that they never did any.

Contented

The present set of girls, chosen from some 1,200 who turned up at the auditions, come up to a high Charlot standard.

Each of them has a real interest in the show by being given the chance to qualify for understudy work in the sketches.

M. Charlot, you see, believes that the best work comes from contented chorines.

Among them are the twin granddaughters of Letty Lind, and a particularly beautiful specimen is the young sister by Wendy (Films) Barrie.

PAUL BOBESON FOR
RUSSIA.May Play Nameless Part
"In Emperor Jones."

London.

Christina Foyle, whose father owns one of the largest bookshops in London, and who, at 22 is famous for the "Literary Lunches" which she gives, recently included: Paul Bobeson at her luncheon to Emma Goldman, the anarchist.

It was learned that Mr. Bobeson was planning a visit to Russia. At first he will probably act and sign in English, but later he may essay the name-part in Eugene O'Neill's play "Emperor Jones." In Russian he already has a very fair mastery of that language.

One result of his Russian studies is that Mr. Bobeson is now an enthusiastic admirer of the works of Dostoevsky and Pushkin.—Reuter.

SIR R. WEDGWOOD AND
POSTER ART"Give Up Advertising, Give
Up Hope"

The London and North-Eastern Railway's eleventh exhibition of poster art was opened at the New Burlington Galleries recently.

Sir Ralph Wedgwood, chief general manager of the L.N.E.R., said:

"These are supposed to be bad times for advertising, but the man who gives up advertising gives up hope. In times of depression there is more need than ever for the stimulus which good advertising gives."

The Minister of Transport, Major the Hon. Oliver Stanley, performed the opening ceremony. He later

Dion Boucicault The
ElderThe Biggest Plagiarist Of
His Time

A MAN OF THE THEATRE

(By SYDNEY W. CARROLL)

Now that "The Streets of London," in its burlesque version, has celebrated its hundredth performance at the Ambassadors, I may, perhaps, with propriety, say a few words about the author of the play (Dion Boucicault, the elder), as well as about melodrama and its offspring—burlesque.

There has just come into my possession a letter dated Monday, April 11 (year not specified—circa 1864), and written from Gresham's Hotel, Dublin. It runs:

"My dear Mr. Vining—In reply to your letter I beg to send you a private copy of Drama. I need not observe that it requires to be localised for you and to be called 'The Streets of London.' There are not three scenes in the entire play which can resemble 'Fraud and its Victims'."

The Important Part.

"The effect of the piece depends on the part of Badger. If you can feel that you can make a hit in that character do the piece, but if you don't feel it, don't do it on any account. The fifth act, together with House on Fire scene is, of course, entirely original in incidents and character and dialogue."

"I am not anxious to have the piece done in London as I wish to reappear with a work of more originality and power. I know that I have only to give the present attractions in London rope enough and they will clear the field of themselves. There is not one of any legitimate merit or capable of sustaining itself."

"My success in the provinces has been so great that so long as it returns me as at present no London theatre could pay me so well. I am now sharing the houses in Dublin, Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham. Liverpool alone (Mr. Copeland) has paid me £314 for nine weeks' run of the Port of Liverpool on my sharing terms.—Dion Boucicault."

Mr. Vining was a well-known actor of the period and the original "Badger" in the London production. "Fraud and its Victims" was the first version to be performed in England of the French play, "Les Pauvres de Paris," the origin of "The Streets of London."

A Rival to Edgar Wallace. The writer of the letter was one of the most remarkable men ever associated with the theatre. The late Edgar Wallace was not half so prolific nor a quarter as rapid in his method of working.

Once being commissioned by an actress to write a play for her, he went home cogitating over what on earth he should manufacture a play about. On his way he saw a book-stall, bought from it an old novel—Gerald Griffin's "Collegians." This he took to his room and based a play upon it before he retired that night.

Early the next morning he has

engaged carpenters and painters, given them a general idea of his plot, and set to work writing an act a day. He supervised in person the machinery and scenery, superintended all the rehearsals, and three days later he produced upon the stage "Colleen Bawn," which proved his greatest pecuniary success, bringing him in hundreds of thousands of dollars. At one time he declared that in America alone his piece had brought him in over two million dollars in royalties and profits.

A "Stage Carpenter."

He was an actor of ability. He knew his theatre backwards. He was the biggest plagiarist of his time, and imitated by force of habit. All his plays were made up of extravagances and improbabilities, taken from whatever source was handiest. He lit up his romances with a sympathetic and human colour that made an irresistible appeal to the masses.

And if we may accept the verdict of the celebrated French critic, Augustin Filon, the taste, the rage, for Burlesque in England dated from almost the same moment as the introduction of the Boucicault drama. The two things have says Filon, in his interesting volume on the English stage, nothing else in common unless it be that neither one nor the other pertains to literature.

Burlesque is the kind of musical parody of which the operetta was born. To it we owe in an indirect way the modern English comedy. For it was Marie Wilton, the Queen of Burlesque, who subsequently became Lady Bancroft, and to whom we owe the Robertson comedies of real life that brought about such a revolution in theatrical methods of playwrighting.

The Taste for Burlesque. The sacred lamp of Burlesque burnt at its brightest, perhaps, in the days of Fred Leslie and Nellie Farren at the old Gaiety, which in those days was one of the largest and most luxurious of fashionable theatrical resorts. But with the loss of those two very popular players the skill of the parodist was not held in much esteem until Pellissier, brilliantly aided by Arthur Wimperis with his Potted Plants, brought it back to temporary favour for a brief spell.

The man who cannot find food for mirth in a well-arranged and well-acted burlesque is usually a heavy-brained fellow who takes himself and life au grand sérieux. It must be conceded, however, that few forms of dramatic entertainment can be stodgier or more indigestible than that of the burlesque badly brought off or taken with a conscious humour that betrays itself. Intense seriousness, paradoxically, is the best foundation for the parody in all its forms and variations.

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New Talent.

He does not believe, as many of the performers obviously do, that the tradition for early Victorian humour in conjuring patter is one that should be maintained.

He is trying to develop new magic and conjuring talent, people who will refrain from trying to be funny unless they have a really good gag. What he really wants is a combination of Houdini's skill and Groucho Marx's personality.

There is a serious shortage of such new talent, says Mr. Noel. Isn't that just like everything else nowadays?

SHOW-CLOSING PANIC
IN BERLINNazi Activities Hit
Theatres.

FREE HITLER ENTERTAINMENT

There are currently 13 "legitimate" shows open in Berlin and two music-halls.

The two music-halls and the two leading musical shows, "Bell Um Savoy" and "Glückliche Reise," are doing well. On most of the others tact demands that a veil should be drawn.

A panic of show-closing swept over Berlin when Hitler declared war on the Jews and Communists. Only one or two theatres are now timidly trying to reopen.

But the Hitler tornado was only the second of two wallops that the Berlin show business has received in the midriff during recent weeks.

The first was the collapse of the Rotters, Berlin's biggest show operators—an incident which has been but barely reported in England and the extent of which we do not appreciate.

The Rotters had eight theatres, all of which are now closed except the Grosse Schauspielhaus, where "Ball Um Savoy" is playing.

Quite Happy. For a time after the collapse of their enterprises the Rotter brethren disappeared from sight, but recently their Berlin friends have begun to receive "wish you were here" and "X marks our room" picture-postcards from them, with the postmark of the Principality of Lichtenstein.

Judging by the postcards the Rotters are having a very happy time, but the same cannot be said of their brother impresarios who are left behind trying to keep the ship afloat.

With conditions in Berlin as they are, millions of people are afraid to go out at all after dark.

Nor can one exactly blame them after the incident the other day, when twenty Communists were said to have been beaten up in the streets because they "provocatively defended themselves."

If they do go out, they can go and hear Hitler yell his head off in the Sport Palast or one of the huge auditoriums in which he is holding almost nightly meetings.

This is as good as any show in town, and costs nothing.

If they stay, at home they can still get the free Hitler entertainment over the radio, a far more stimulating evening in the average Berliner's eyes than going out to a theatre.

Hitler grabs the radio every night for two hours.

Not Wanted. The big swastika man has closed up all the queer night clubs for which Berlin has become famous since the war. Thirty-three of them were recently raided in one night.

You have to go to Hollywood now, not Berlin, to see men and women attired in costumes designated by tradition for the opposite sex.

Berlin show-people have timidly objected that all these activities are killing their business by stopping foreigners coming in.

"That's fine!" is Hitler's triumphant cry. "We don't want the foreigners!" To which, of course, there is no answer.

The Jew Shaw.

The wave of nationalistic sentiment that has swept over Germany is strongly felt in the show business. The greatest film success of the moment is, of course, "Morgenrot"—the U-boat picture glorifying German seamen.

The height of the Hitlerite nationalistic wave was reached when, the other day, according to reports, Nazis stopped the performance of "Too True to be Good" with cries of "Down with the Jew Shaw!"

In spite of the "Germany for the Germans!" regime, however, the only two shows that are doing business have foreign stars—"Ball Um Savoy" for instance, has three principals, all Hungarian and the film "Morgenrot" was made by an Austrian.

All of which just goes to show what?

THEATRE'S PLACE IN
NATIONAL LIFE

Dame Madge Kendal took the chair at a public meeting at the Garrick Theatre recently to encourage the presentation of theatrical entertainments, and to secure for the life of the nation.

The meeting was arranged by the British Theatre Defence League, and among the speakers were Lord Snell, Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, Dr. Marie Stopes, Mr. Leon M. Lion, and Mr. Harold Knight, K.C., M.P.

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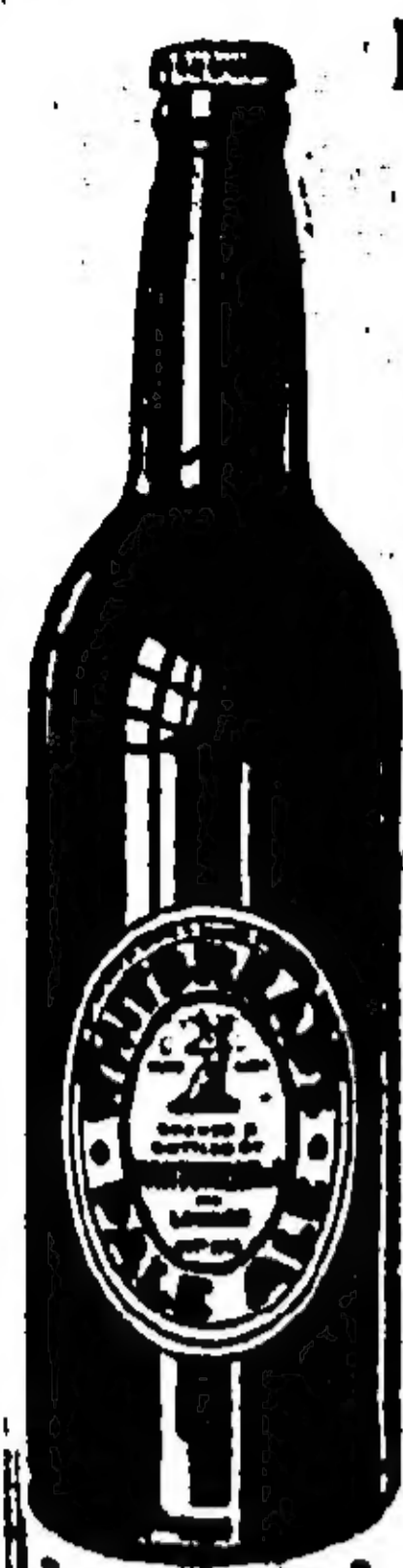
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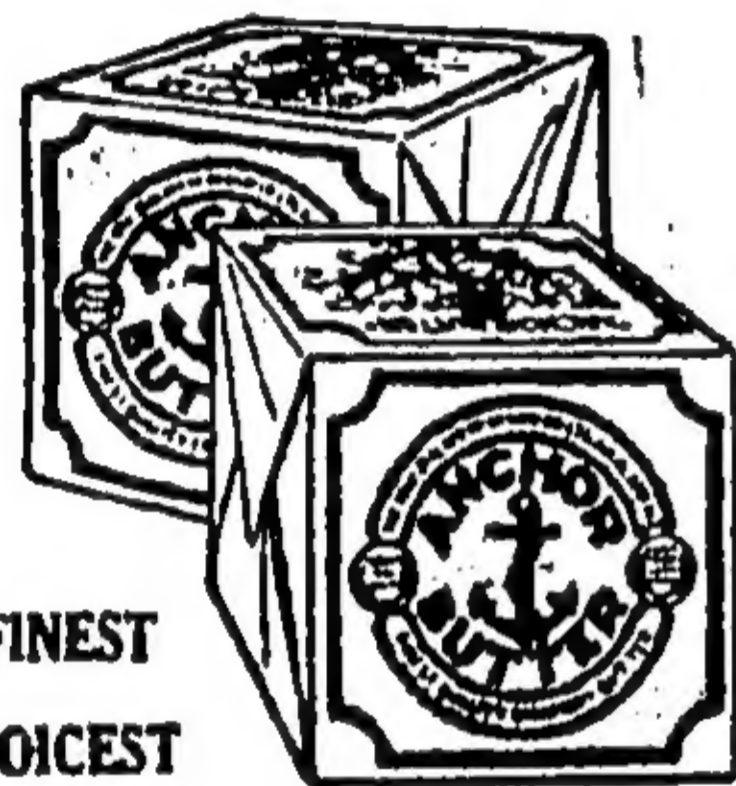
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A New Era For South Africa.

South Africa is greatly to be congratulated on her new Government, which took office last month. Gen. Hertzog and Gen. Smuts have shown a fine public spirit in putting aside their party differences and determining to co-operate in a National Ministry for the good of the Union as a whole. The South African financial crisis of the winter was not unlike that which came upon Britain in August, 1931, and it has been faced in much the same courageous fashion. We may trust that coalition on a broad national basis will have as much success in South Africa as it has had in Great Britain. Gen. Hertzog has carried most of the Nationalist party with him, except Dr. Malan, and Gen. Smuts has retained the support of almost the whole of the South African party. In the new Cabinet, composed of six Ministers from each party, the principal posts are held by Nationalists under Gen. Hertzog as Prime Minister. But with Gen. Smuts's adherents in the Ministries of Mines and Lands, the responsibilities of office have been very fairly distributed. The chief significance of the coalition is that it implies the end of racialism as a dividing-line between the White inhabitants of the Union. South Africa has too long been cursed by politicians who have sought to emphasise the differences between the people of English origin and those of Dutch ancestry. To observers at a distance such a policy has always seemed suicidal in a country which has a native population that outnumbers the whites by three to one and heat increases rapidly. The task of the million and a half Europeans in South Africa is far too difficult for it to be hampered by constant appeals to race prejudice and to hygienic history. The Union needs to look forward, rather than backward, to the great future that is open before it rather than to the errors and sorrows of the past. Gen. Hertzog's Coalition Ministry should open a new and happier era in South African history. A rapid advance is possible now that the two great parties are working together instead of thwarting each other.

Britain's War Debt Burden.

As it was generally anticipated that the national balance-sheet for the British financial year would be unsatisfactory, the actual figures will not cause disappointment. Leaving aside war debts and reparations, Mr. Chamberlain estimated for a surplus of £800,000. Supplementary Estimates increased the expenditure by £21,614,000, but, despite that, he adds, "the year with a deficit of no more than £3,323,000. Income-tax and surtax, which have not this year been collected with undue haste, are £15,000,000 below the estimate; there is a shortage of £3,750,000 on Stamp Duties, and of £12,000,000 on Customs and Excise, as might have been expected in a year of bad trade. But the Estate Duties have yielded £1,000,000 extra, miscellaneous receipts exceed the estimate by £5,500,000, and, what is more welcome, there has been a saving of £29,000,000 on the National Debt service and new Sinking Fund, and £10,000,000 on the Supply services. These figures, unfortunately, take no account of the American debt payment of £28,956,000. If there had been no Lausanne agreement, Britain could have looked to receive on her war loans to the Allies and the Dominions, and for Reparations from Germany no less a sum than £37,500,000. The year would then have ended with a surplus of £5,250,000. As Britain renounced the payments due to her, and on the other hand paid the United States the December instalment, the Treasury is left with the heavy deficit of £32,279,000. The Government have repeatedly made it clear that they looked upon last December's instalment as a capital payment of which account should be taken in the final settlement with America. But it must be noted that the United States Government have in no way indicated that they share this view, and the Treasury will have to make up last year's deficit, due in main to the payment to America, out of the revenue for this year, if the traditional practice is followed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is well aware that he is expected to reduce the crushing burden of taxation, but this serious deficit undoubtedly hampers him in the task.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Acres of Glass

The fact that every tropical fruit and flower can be grown in Britain under glass is beginning to be appreciated and acted upon. Towns of glass are springing up, and experts estimate that there is a market of the value of £30,000,000 open to the enterprise.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes, mushrooms, early strawberries, and raspberries are the chief fruits cultivated at present, but there is no reason why others should not be added to the list. During 1931 more than 18,000,000lb. of grapes were imported, yet there is no reason why we should not grow our own.

The largest glasshouse area in Britain is in the Lea Valley, where 1,500 acres are under glass. There are now more than forty-four miles of greenhouses in the sheltered part of the South Downs near Worthing, and a new enterprise has been formed to exploit the Worthing hothouse grape industry. The aim is to put 100 acres under glass, employ 600 men, and get an output of a quarter of a million pounds of grapes a year.

Other areas where hothouses have been erected are the Holland division of Lincolnshire and the marshland district of Norfolk. The figure of £3,000,000 is mentioned as the fresh capital recently put into this promising industry, which incidentally gives work to many men who are not gardeners.

Blasco Ibanez

A committee has been formed to consider erecting a monument to the Spanish novelist, Blasco Ibanez, who for many years lived in Paris and during the war rendered services to the Allied War propaganda by publishing some novels with an out-spoken anti-German tendency.

According to Press reports, the former Premier, M. Herriot, and the former Finance Minister, M. Flandin, are among the sponsors of the committee.

Your Daily Smile.

How "Very Unkind."

"Whenever I see anything funny," writes a correspondent, "I positively shake with mirth."—He must find shaving a difficult business.

Down and Ups.

One swallow doesn't make a summer; but after you've had a dozen or so good swallows you begin to feel it sure is summer or you don't care a hang whether it is or not.

Happy at Last.

The old gag about making a Scot happy in his old age by telling him a funny story when young has been proved to be true. A Scottish medical journal reports the case of a man of 70 who was recently taken with a laughing mania.

"More War Literature."

Scrap books.

Pass the Bottle, for—the nearer the beam the sweeter the meal.

In America.

Englishman (eating corn on the cob for the first time): "Boyl Boyl!"
Waiter: "Sir!"
Englishman: "I say old thing, all it up again."

Two Inches Down.

The only time some women lower their voices is when they take their shoes off.

The Permanent Blonde.

Set fair.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Cellophane covered berry boxes have been designed to keep their contents cleaner and more sanitary.

Poland's population has increased 13 per cent. in ten years, seven principal cities gaining 22 per cent.

Light produced by magnetic induction lamps has been found the safest and most efficient for coal mining.

Columbia will establish a match monopoly, either by contracting with a manufacturer or opening its own factory.

THE MAGNIFICENT MORGAN

FIRM GREW WEALTHY FROM WARS

ACCOUNTS NEVER PUBLISHED

(By C. A. Lyon.)

New York. Roosevelt is waging a great war against the big banking houses. He is demanding that they shall publish their secret accounts.

If Roosevelt gets his way, and the affairs of J. P. Morgan are investigated the world may be startled with some astonishing financial secrets.

There is not the slightest suggestion that the company is unsound, but in all its history there have never been any accounts published.

War Wealth.

For just under 100 years the house of Morgan has existed. It grew wealthy from wars, from the American Civil War to the great war. It had its great rises and falls, but continued to grow richer through all the nineteenth century financial crises of America. In the end it came to wield a great financial sway than any firm had ever wielded before. Its story parallels that of the Rothschilds, but in America the firm of Morgan was greater than the Rothschilds ever were in Europe.

It was founded by a farmer; the king-courted, art-collecting, J. P. Morgan senior, grandson of the founder, made it what it came to be.

For years in the latter part of the nineteenth century the ordinary teller of the world stood aghast as Morgan's juggled their millions. He was known as "Morgan the Magnificent."

The Founder.

Joseph Morgan, of Hartford, Connecticut, was the founder of the family fortunes. He was first a farmer and then a hotelkeeper, and then made a small fortune out of insurance. The son, Junius, born in 1813, began as a clerk, became a financier, and left a fortune of £2,000,000 in 1890.

J. P. Morgan was his son. J. P. Morgan's first deal was selling muskets condemned as unserviceable and dangerous in the American Civil War.

The Government bought them, and Morgan pocketed the large profit.

His next famous deal was in 1879.

William H. Vanderbilt was afraid that a monopoly-hating Government would ruin him by special heavy taxation of the New York Central Railroad, of which he held 88 per cent. of the stock. Alternatively, he was because of the panic it would cause.

Morgan secretly sold enough of the Vanderbilt stock in England to disarm public criticism of Vanderbilt's one-man control. Nothing leaked out until the deal was complete.

Vanderbilt in his joy gave Morgan a large set of silver plate. So that there should never be another set like it he ordered the dies to be destroyed.

By 1885 the American rail wars had reached amazing dimensions. From New York to Chicago was 800 miles. Three lines would have been ample. There were five and two more building. Passengers were being taken the whole distance for a dollar!

The dividends on the New York Central stock Morgan had sold were halved, and the British shareholders asked him pointed questions.

Morgan went back to the United States and made peace between the rival lines.

Master Stroke.

Before Morgan brought his almost hypnotic negotiating powers into the struggle the railroads had been prepared to fight each other to the last cent.

Around the peace was hailed as a master stroke.

But it was in February 1895 that the firm's greatest day—up to then—came.

Since the financial panic of 1893 there had been steady withdrawal of gold from the United States Treasury.

At last there was only one day's supply of gold left in the nation's coffers!

President Cleveland would not accept outside help from the financiers.

"He will not see you," Morgan was told bluntly. The fate of the nation hung by a thread. They were faced with such a catastrophe as had never been known before.

There was an outstanding cheque of £2,400,000 on the Treasury. If that were presented all was over.

The President gave in. It was Morgan's moment. The firm lent £13,000,000 and saved the country.

In 1900-1901 Morgan conceived the stupendous idea of uniting the whole of the U.S. steel interests in one trust.

He did it in three months. The principal unit was Andrew Carnegie's great Pittsburgh steel undertaking. Carnegie was bought up, and walked out of his business with a sum that was said to yield him an annual income of between two and three million pounds.

The capital of the trust was £2,000,000 in stocks and £80,000,000 in bonds!

What did Morgan get out of it? For forming the trust they took £12,500,000. A Congress investigating Committee later said that: "Such a sum bore no relation whatever to the services rendered."

Next year Morgan sat on the right hand of Edward VII.

He dined alone with the Kaiser, who gave him a marble bust of himself.

"I have met the Kaiser and I like him," said Morgan.

He had become the first financier of the world.

Then black days closed in. With a Napoleonic plan Morgan set himself the task of merging British, American, and German passenger and freight liners into one gigantic trust.

But the British Government kept the Cunard Line out by a subsidy, the Germans stayed outside, and Morgan was left holding the bag.

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Personal Paragraph.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Arnaldo Guilherme Botelho, merchant, of 35, Granville Road, Kowloon; and Beatrice Patricia Choo, of 95, Robinson Road, Hong Kong.

The forthcoming marriage of Tong Cheek-shum, draughtsman, of 5, Rednaxela Terrace, Hong Kong, and Tong Yuk-Lin, of 11, Aberdeen Street, Hong Kong, has been announced.

The forthcoming marriage has been announced of Yuen Kit-ting, contractor, of 263, Tai Nan Street, Shamshuipo, and Wong Tsoi-tai, of 203, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.

The marriage arranged between Guilherme Faustino dos Santos, of 79a, Wongneichung Road, Hong Kong, and Eulalia Maria Lourdes da Rocha, of 222 Wanchai Road, Hong Kong, will take place in the near future.

DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Subject to audit the Directors of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a Dividend of \$12.00 per share, a Bonus Dividend of \$6.00 per share, and an Exchange Bonus Dividend of \$7.00 per share for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

U.S. ARMY PAY REDUCTIONS

Saving In Expenditure Of \$144,000,000.

MILITARY STRENGTH MAY BE REDUCED

Washington. Attempts to carry out President Roosevelt's order for a \$144,000,000 reduction in army expenditures without serious retirement of officers and men are being made by Secretary of War Dorn and General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff. Meanwhile approval of Mr. Roosevelt's request to Congress for authority to reduce the flying pay of the navy was expressed before the House Naval Committee by Rear Admiral F. B. Upham, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation who is slated soon to become commander of the Asiatic fleet.

It was disclosed, however, that Major-General Benjamin D. Foulois, Chief of the Army Air Corps, opposed the same plan for the army before the House Military Committee. Secretary Dorn told newspapermen he had not worked out details of the reduction in army expenditures ordered by the President as a measure of economy and could not say when the difficult task would be completed.

Though the curtailment as mapped out by the Budget Bureau involves the retirement or furlough of between 3,000 and 4,000 of the present 12,000 officers and a deduction of 12,000 or more of the enlisted personnel, the Secretary and General MacArthur have been seeking ways of obtaining the saving in other ways than drastically reducing military strength. — A.P.

LOOK OUT FOR THE MOTOR CAR!

And Thieves.

PICKPOCKETS USE NEW TRICK.

"This is apparently a new trick in this trade," remarked Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he sentenced Chan Cheung to six months' hard labour for larceny of a silver watch and chain in Connaught Road Central last night.

The accused, together with another unknown Chinese, approached the complainant in Connaught Road Central, and each of them taking an arm, shouted "Look out, motor car coming," and dragged him across the road to the pavement.

There the complainant made the discovery that he had been robbed of his watch and chain and at once raised the alarm. The accused was arrested by a Chinese constable as he was getting away.

MEXICAN SEAMAN IN COURT.

Arrested For Begging.

COMMITTED TO HOUSE OF DETENTION

Alfredo Fernandez, a Mexican seaman who was yesterday charged before Mr. Wynne-Jones with vagrancy, but whose case was remanded until this morning for hearing in order to get a Spanish interpreter, was committed to the House of Detention.

Detective Sergeant Mottram, who was in charge of the case, yesterday stated that the accused was arrested outside the Star Ferry in Connaught Road on Saturday night by an Indian constable, after he had made a nuisance of himself by begging money from people passing by.

PLAYGROUND PLAN FOR COLONY.

Meeting To-morrow To Form Association.

The formation of an association with the object of equipping and managing play areas for the children of the Colony for whom such facilities do not at present exist, will be considered at a meeting of representatives of clubs, associations and organisations to be held in the Public Works Department Board Room to-morrow evening, at 5.15 p.m.

The association will be called the "Children's Playgrounds Association."

Correspondence.

DESTRUCTION OF DOGS.

[To the Editor, "China Mail."] Sir,—I wish to draw the attention of the Authorities to the revolting practice adopted by the police in their work of shooting dogs found without a muzzle, to give one instance out of many that have been brought to my notice. This is the case of a small shaggy-haired terrier which had just strayed out from the owner's house and was cruelly shot at and its paw shattered by the bullet. The little animal managed to run home with its bleeding paw a monument of the cruel method adopted to enforce this regulation.

No-one will have any objection to the animals being captured and taken to Kennedy Town Kennels, and I know that the S.P.C.A. will take them from the Police and convey them to the Kowloon Home in order that the Authorities will not require to maintain the animals. Therefore I say, have a little mercy and give the animal a chance for its life. I grant all that may be said with reference to the danger from the terrible risk of rabies should a dog get loose and bite anyone. This warning should be sufficient to all dog owners to observe the regulations. But instructions should certainly be given to those responsible for the capture of the animals to observe the laws of humanity and give the dog a chance.

A cage is provided for the conveyance of the animal to the kennels where they may be examined. Therefore there is no necessity for the use of a gun.

J. R.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GERMANY.

Big Decrease Shown This Year.

Berlin. The number of the unemployed in Germany decreased in the first half of April by 69,000, totalling on April 15, 5,530,000.

Since the peak of last winter's unemployment, the number of people out of work has decreased by 8.6 per cent as compared with a 3.2 per cent decrease during the same period in the preceding year. The following figures elucidate the unemployment situation in Germany during the past two months:

April 15 5,530,000

March 31 5,598,000

March 15 5,935,000

February 28 6,000,000

—Transocean.

J. E. BESA AGAIN IN COURT.

Hearing Of Case Fixed For Friday.

Joseph Evangelist Besa, who was successful in his appeal against a sentence of six months' imprisonment recently at the Appeal Court, again appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. Schofield, when the hearing for his extradition to the Philippines on charges of robbery was resumed.

Mr. F. G. Nigel appeared on his behalf at this morning's hearing. Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, said he understood that since his last appearance in Court, his Worship has received or should have received an order from His Excellency the Governor, under Section 8 of the Extradition Act of 1870.

The Crown, Mr. Fraser stated, were now in a position to give evidence and he asked his Worship to fix a date for hearing. The hearing was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on Friday.

News In Brief

Suffering from injuries to the head and right foot caused by jumping off a moving tram car in Johnson Road, Chan Sau, a Chinese female, was last night conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital by ambulance.

A Chinese boy of 9 years, Leung Yin, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening in an unconscious condition, as a result of an accidental fall onto his head from the top of a flight of stairs in a Chinese dwelling at Aberdeen.

An unknown Chinese male was taken to the Kwong Wah hospital yesterday evening after he had suddenly collapsed in Portland Street.

USEFUL WOMEN OF 19TH CENTURY.

Happier Than Present-Day Eve.

JOB CENSUS OF 1843.

London. "Our spouses cut the ladies' hair genteelly."

When a woman read that advertisement in the 19th. century she knew she had found a good hairdresser. She was prepared to submit her hair to tender shears, knowing full well there would be no rude sawing, no wanton clipping, no thoughtless destruction of her locks.

Men might do the more rugged work of curling cascades of waves but it was left to their spouses to do the delicate snipping, the preening of milady's coiffure.

But the gentle creature had other things to do as well. She might indeed leave off the scrubbing and the mending and the embroidery to do a spot of dentistry or smithy-ing.

For, in the census of 1843, according to Miss Ivy Pinchbeck, the economist, women were listed as:

Auctioneers, house agent, bankers, blacksmiths, boat and barge builders, chemists, corn-cutters (chiropodists), engine workers, silver and gold-smiths, opticians, and dentists.

In fact—Miss Pinchbeck is most positive of this—the women in the 19th century had a lot more to do than we have, and they were happier, too.

She even goes farther. She says that they were more useful. Among the things they could do, which we cannot, were the trades of chimney-sweep, cooper, plumbers, and tallow candle-makers.

The only thing that 19th-century Eve could not do, insists Miss Pinchbeck, was made the stays for her corsets. Too hard a job altogether.

So it may be comforting to some of you to know that women even to-day—20th century—are doing things that the efficient spouses of 1843 would not even understand.

There is Miss Ada Caroline Harper, for instance. She is the only woman piano manufacturer in Great Britain, and she has been in the business for 30 years.

When the Piano Manufacturers' Association met in London she was the only woman at its meetings.

Beside being the successful managing director of her piano firm, she has thought of something that every piano manufacturer does not know.

She has thought out several special precautions for the pianos that are being sent to tropical countries to prevent their being damaged. For one thing, the felts of the action of all her pianos are poisoned to keep away ants.

"There is a definite revival of interest in the piano," she said to a reporter, "because after listening to canned music for so long people want to do something themselves—to express their own art in music. And it is to the piano they turn."

"There is surely no reason why a woman cannot make pianos just as well as a man. Perhaps she might be even better. For a woman has more patience and that is half the secret of piano-making." —Reuter.

CHINESE DRAMA.

Mr. J. D. Bush's Address To Rotary Club.

NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED

Mr. J. D. Bush gave a very interesting and instructive address on Chinese Drama at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club held yesterday at the Gloucester Hotel.

"What China needs to-day is a laboratory theatre to make a critical survey of her own classical drama as well as the spoken drama of the West, in order to meet the needs of the new generation," said Mr. Bush in the course of his speech.

The annual meeting of the Club will be held next week and the following officers have been nominated: President, Mr. T. R. Wilson; Directors, Messrs. J. P. Sherry, J. L. McPherson, A. Arculi, G. W. Greene, and Dr. Li Shu-fan; Joint Secretaries, Mr. M. P. Key and another to be nominated; Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Parry.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE UPPER BERTH

By F. Marion Crawford.

HOW THE STORY BEGAN.

ROOM No. 105 on the S.S. Kamtschatka, in which Mr. Brisbane, the narrator, is voyaging across the Atlantic, has the reputation of being haunted. On the last three trips persons sleeping there have gone overboard, and on this passage the narrator's room-mate, occupying the upper berth, has vanished. Brisbane, determined not to be scared away, insists on continuing to occupy the lower berth in No. 105, and refuses an offer by the ship's doctor to share his cabin. The port-hole, however, tightly screwed down, always opens mysteriously. Brisbane awakes in the night to find the port-hole wide open again. He hears a groan, and, tearing the curtain of the upper berth aside, thrusts in his hands "to discover if there were anyone there." There was....

I REMEMBER that the sensation as I put my hands forward was as though I were plunging them into the air of a damp cellar, and from behind the curtains came a gust of wind that smelled horribly of stagnant sea-water. I laid hold of something that had the shape of a man's arm, but was smooth, and wet, and icy cold.

But suddenly, as I pulled, the creature sprang violently forward against me, a clammy, oozy mass, as it seemed to me, heavy and wet, yet endowed with a sort of supernatural strength. I reeled across the stateroom, and in an instant the door opened and the thing rushed out. I had not had time to be frightened, and, quickly recovering myself, I sprang through the door and gave chase at the top of my speed, but I was too late.

Ten yards before me I could see—I am sure I saw it—a dark shadow moving in the dimly-lighted passage, quickly as the shadow of a fast horse thrown before a dog-cart by the lamp on a dark night. But in a moment it had disappeared, and I found myself holding on to the polished rail that ran along the bulkhead where the passage turned towards the companion. My hair stood on end and the cold perspiration rolled down my face. I am not

ashamed of it in the least: I was very badly frightened.

Still I doubted my senses and pulled myself together. It was absurd, I thought. The Welsh rabbit I had eaten had disagreed with me. I had been in a nightmare. I made my way back to my state-room and entered it with an effort.

The whole place smelled of stagnant sea-water, as it had when I had awakened on the previous evening. It required my utmost strength to go in and grope among my things for a box of wax lights. As I lighted a railway reading lantern which I always carry

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be "Solved By Inspection," by Father Ronald Knox.

In case I want to read after the lamps are out I perceived that the port-hole was again open, and a sort of creeping horror began to take possession of me which I never felt before, nor wish to feel again. But I got a light and proceeded to examine the upper berth, expecting to find it drenched with sea-water.

But I was disappointed. The bed had been slept in, and the smell of the sea was strong; but the bedding was as dry as a bone. I fancied that Robert had not had the courage to make the bed after the accident of the previous night—it had all been a hideous dream. I drew the curtains back as far as I could and examined the place very carefully. It was perfectly dry. But the port-hole was open again. With a sort of dull bewilderment of horror I closed it and screwed it down, and thrusting my heavy stick through the brass loop, wrenched it with all my might till the thick metal began to bend under the pressure.

Then I hooked my reading lantern into the red velvet at the head of the couch and sat down to recover my senses if I could. I sat there all night, unable to think of rest—hardly able to think at all. But the port-hole remained closed, and I did not believe it would now open again without the application of a considerable force.

The morning dawned at last, and I dressed myself slowly, thinking over all that had happened in the night. It was a beautiful day, and I went on deck, glad to get out into the early, pure sunshine and to smell breeze from the blue water, so different from the noisome, stagnant odour of my state-room. Instinctively I turned aft towards the surgeon's cabin. There he stood, with a pipe in his mouth, taking his morning air precisely as on the preceding day.

"Good morning," said he quietly, but looking at me with evident curiosity.

"Doctor, you were quite right," said I. "There is something wrong about that place."

"I thought you would change your mind," he answered, rather triumphantly. "You have had a bad night, eh? Shall I make you a pick-me-up? I have a capital recipe."

"No, thanks," I cried. "But I would like to tell you what happened."

I then tried to explain as clearly as possible, precisely what had occurred, not omitting to state that I had been accursed as I had never been scared in my whole life before. I dwelt, particularly on the phenomenon of the port-hole, which was a fact to which I could testify, even if the rest had been an illusion. I had closed it twice in the night, and the second time I had actually bent the brass in wrenching it with my stick. I believe I insisted a good deal on this point.

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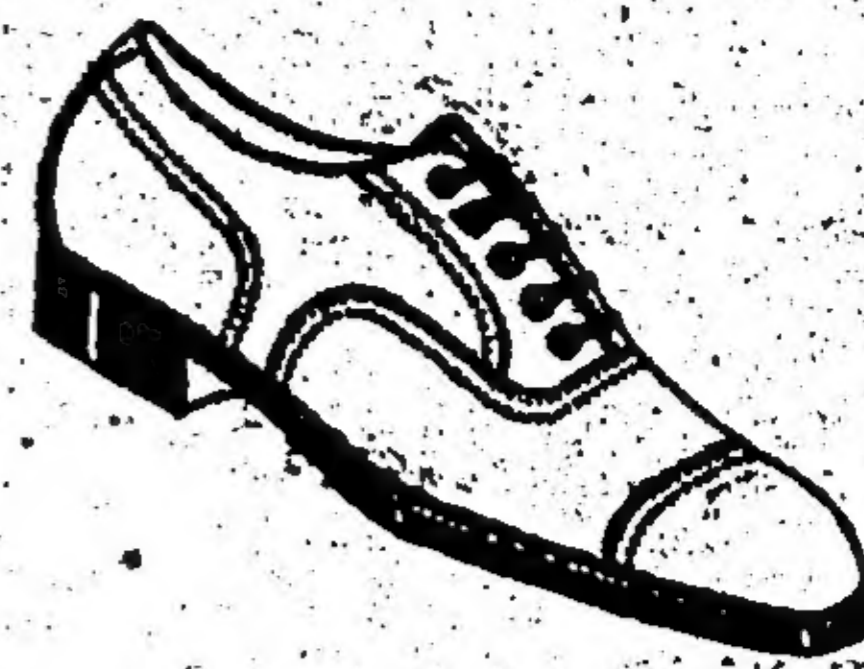
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Durban.

Mystery surrounds the finding

of the body of Eric Gowans (26),

the son of Mr. David Gowans, a

well-known Durban business man

and former chairman of the

Durban Turf Club, in the driving

seat of a two-seater car, 850

yards from the main road near

Drummond. He had been mis-

sing for two weeks.

The police were unable to find

anything about the body to sug-

gest how he met his death.

There were no marks of foul play.

Near where the car must have

left the main road, however,

deep skid marks were found,

showing that when the car left

the road it skidded violently and

then proceeded along an old track

to the point where it was found.

The old road has not been used

since the deviation was completed

about ten years ago, and it is

heavily overgrown with shrubs

and short trees which completely

concealed the vehicle.

SPANISH AIRMAN IN COLONY

(Continued from Page 1.)

The aeroplane flown by Senor Loring is a Comper Swift single seater monoplane, engine with an 85 h.p. unit, capable of cruising at a speed of 125 m.p.h., and with a maximum speed of 140 m.p.h.

Except for the bad weather encountered during the flight Senor Loring had no untoward experiences between Madrid and Manila. He will stay at the Hong Kong Hotel during his stay in the Colony, probably for two days. It is uncertain by which steamer Senor Loring will return to Spain.

He stated that he will not make another flight this year. The airman left Madrid on March 18 and arrived in Manila on April 10. Though hampered for 11 days in Indo-China by the weather he made the flight in much faster time than the three months he took last year.

FORMER RESIDENT'S DEATH

Mr. Robert Alexander Ferguson, a well-known former resident of Hong Kong, died on March 14 at the Larkfield Hospital, Greenock, Scotland, at the age of 70. He was for many years employed by the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, of Hong Kong.

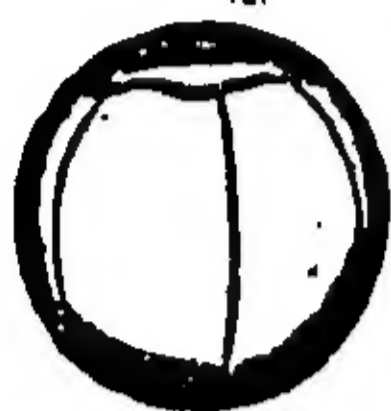
WEATHER FORECAST

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CRICKET'S DEBUT TO-DAY

NOTTS ENTERTAINING WORCESTER

WILL LARWOOD ADOPT THE LEG THEORY?

NAWAB IN ACTION

(By Athole.)

THE F.A. Cup Final on Saturday heralded the close of the Football season, and to-day cricket commences in England with five first-class matches — one of which is a County Championship encounter.

All cricket enthusiasts will be interested in the game at Trent Bridge, for in that game Harold Larwood, hero of the Australian Tests, may be seen in action against Worcestershire. The question regarding whether he will bowl leg-theory in spite of B. H. Lyon's determination to stamp out the "evil" by ridicule, is the one everybody is interested in.

The following are the matches commencing to-day:—

M.C.C. v. Surrey at Lord's.

Notts v. Worcester at Trent Bridge.

Oxford U. v. Yorkshire at Oxford.

Cambridge U. v. Sussex at Cambridge.

Club Cricket Conference XI v. West Indies at Catford Bridge.

Arthur Carr should have little anxiety regarding his county's first game. Larwood has been reported fit by the doctor, and Voce has completely recovered from the ankle injury he sustained late in the Australian tour. So that with Sam Staples having had a winter's rest the Notts attack should be one of the most formidable in the country.

In the Nawab of Pataudi, fresh from a not too arduous Australian tour, and Gibbons, however, they will meet two first-class batsmen worthy of their attention.

Keen interest will be shown in the advance of Keeton, who gave such promise last year as an opening batsman, but he is really the only promising player Notts have among their younger players. Walker is still one of the soundest No. 3 batsmen, but he is now in his 39th year, and though he headed the Notts averages with 44.08, he was aided chiefly by seven not out innings in an aggregate of 1587. Keeton actually score 93 runs more for two innings less.

Worcestershire, who are fortunate to be competing again after the disastrous season they experienced last year owing to rain, are not likely to extend Notts, but there are many other countries—notably Yorkshire, Lancashire, Sussex and Kent—who will.

In spite of Arthur Carr's prediction that Notts will win the championship they lost won in 1929 I shall be surprised if they occupy one of the first three positions at the close of the season.

The West Indies team, under the captaincy of G. C. Grant, will enter on their third match, and, even though I do not know the composition of the Conference XI, I forecast a third draw for them in the two-day fixture. The following are the probable teams:

Notts:—A. W. Carr (Captain), Walker, Keeton, Gunn, G. V. Gunn, Larwood, Voce, Shipton, Lilley, Staples (8) and Staples (A).

Worcestershire:—C. A. Fiddian-Green (Captain), Nawab of Pataudi, B. W. Quicke, C. W. Walters, Gibbons, Wright, Brook, Jackson, Perks, Nichol and Root.

West Indies:—G. C. Grant (captain), C. A. Roach, Ben Sealey, G. Headley, F. R. Martin, E. L. G. Hoar, H. O. Griffith, E. A. Martindale, C. Merry, V. A. Valentine and I. Barrow.

The following was the order in which the countries finished last season:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Yorks	28	19	2	7	115
Sussex	28	14	1	13	262
Kent	28	14	3	11	248
Notts	28	12	4	11	241
Surrey	28	9	2	17	210
Lancs.	28	8	6	14	179
Somerset	28	8	7	13	168
Hants	28	8	10	10	157
Warwick	28	8	5	13	147
Derby	28	8	8	14	145
Middlesex	28	6	9	13	145
Leicester	28	6	11	11	138
Gloucester	28	6	12	10	135
Essex	28	4	14	10	99
Glamorgan	28	3	13	13	90
Northampton	28	3	15	10	83
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TO-DAY Athletics Inter-School Sports—Heals. TO-MORROW Billiards—Garrison League R.A.M.C. v. Lincoln South Wales Borderers v. Royal Engineers Small Units v. Royal Artillery. Lawn Tennis—H. K. Area League. Kowloon Section Royal Signals v. "D" Company, Lincoln Hong Kong Section "A" Company, S.W.B. v. R.A.S.C. FRIDAY Athletics Inter-School Sports (Caroline Hill) Billiards—Soldiers Club Tournament "B" Company, S.W.B. v. "D" Company, Lincoln Lawn Tennis—H. K. Area League. Kowloon Section 20th. Battery, Royal Artillery v. "C" Company, Lincoln Hong Kong Section 12th. Battery Royal Artillery v. "D" Company, S.W.B.

JACK DOYLE IMPROVES UNDER DESCAMPS

Intensive Training In Paris.

CHALLENGING PETERSEN

London, Mar. 31.

Jack Doyle, who some claim as a future heavy-weight champion of the world, returned to London recently after nine weeks of training near Paris under Francois Descamps, one-time manager of Georges Carpentier.

That the weeks of intensive training under one of the greatest masters of the art of boxing had not shaken the confidence of the young Irishman was immediately obvious.

"The trip has done me a lot of good," he said on arrival in England, "I am glad to be back in London only if it is going to get me a fight. I have found the punch that is going to win me a world's title. I am sure of that."

Qualified observers at Descamps' training camp at La Guerche consider that the expert tuition afforded Doyle has worked wonders and it will be interesting to see how the Irishman shapes in his next appearance in the ring.

There was certainly room for improvement in Doyle's work when he left this country. He has splendid physique and a natural punch in either hand. But he had no defence. His general ringcraft was extremely crude.

Doyle is anxious to challenge Jack Petersen for the British heavy-weight title. Promoters are already angling for the match because both men are recognized box-office attractions.

Before such a contest is staged it will be necessary for Doyle to re-establish himself in the eyes of the British public after his several months' absence from the ring. A preliminary fight with Reggie Meen, who has fallen from grace as the result of recent defeats, may be Doyle's next public appearance. —Reuter.

Dailey Beats Ray After Being Three Down

Best Putter In The Big Competition.

London, April 7.

There was some thrilling golf in the first and second rounds of the match play stages of the Rochampton tournament, which were played to-day by sixteen professionals, among whom were only a meagre few of the best-known names in British golf. The weather again was superb. The course was baked harder than ever.

A great attraction was the match between youth and experience, in which Alan Dailey, youngest British Ryder Cup nominee, beat Ted Ray at the 22nd. Ray opened gallantly at the first hole by sinking an extremely long putt, which rustled all across the green and into the hole for a three. He nearly lost his advantage at the fourth, where he stuffed his approach; but another putt, this time from about five yards, saved him.

LIFTED HIS HEAD At the fifth he again missed a simple approach through lifting his head. With 50 yards of flat fairway and at least 35 yards of green between him and the hole, it was difficult to see why he should elect to take such a dangerous club as the mashie niblick. His putter, however, once again came to the rescue, and he halved the hole.

This was too much for Dailey, who, after being placed down the drive, allowed Ray to win the next hole in a simple four. At the turn he reduced Ray's lead to one hole by an excellent putt.

The match was one of the most exciting I have ever seen. Ray was three-up with four to play, and Dailey holed from nine feet

to save himself on the 16th green.

That was dorny two Ray. Dailey cut his tee shot into the bunker at the 17th, and Ray followed suit on the left. Recovering well Ray lay two or three yards from the hole, whereupon Dailey played the shot of a lifetime to within a foot.

AMAZING PUTTING

At the 18th Dailey holed from at least twelve yards over different slopes to square the match, middle of the hole in three from long range. But it came out again because of the bad state of the green. Everything appeared to be over when he sliced his second at the next, and failed to get on in three. But a masterly chip and putt saved him once again, and he went on to win at the 22nd hole, which he played to perfection, while Ray took six.

Dailey is to be congratulated not only on his fine achievement, but also on the fact that he is clearly the best putter in the tournament.

Keith Dalby, beaten by Tom Green, took too many fives. Green played good, steady golf, aided by a fine three at the eighth, and was three-up at the turn.

Bert Hodson, who beat W. J. Oke, played two magnificent second shots to the eighth and ninth holes from sand bunkers on the right of the course.

Two of the soundest and most unobtrusive golfers in the country were opposed in Len Holland and Charles Whitcombe. Holland was one-up after seven holes, but found a bunker with his drive to the eighth, and eventually Whitcombe just won.



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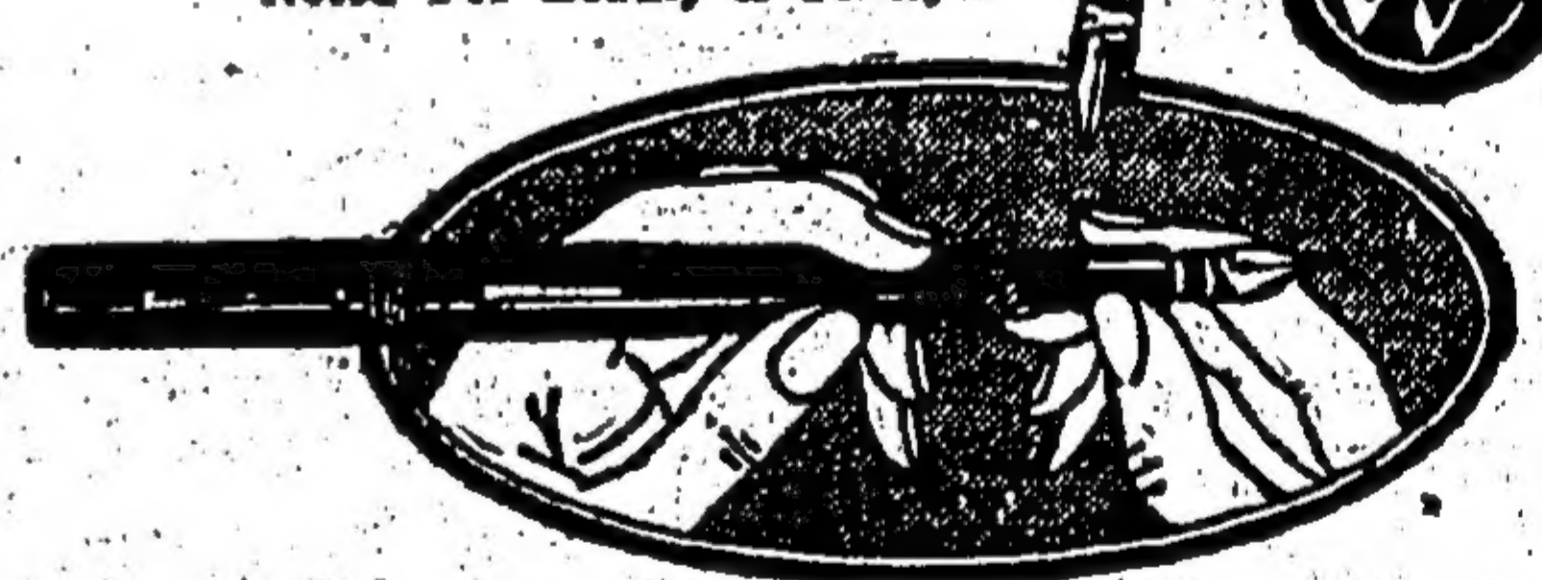
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Cheerful Sun
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Whitehall
Jingo
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Agua Pura
Kwangchow
- Race 4.
Melody
Lucky Star
Paul Jones
- Race 5.
Valley Hall
White Butterfly
Flying Boy
- Race 6.
Black Velvet
Invincible
Sanction

MACAO RACES

Small Entries For Six Events.

NEW SUBS. ON VIEW
(By Rapier).

THE Fourth Extra Meeting at Macao, like the Third a fortnight ago, has attracted disappointingly few entries, but keen competition is expected.

The Meeting, which includes a ladies' race in the six events, will be featured by the first appearance in Macao of the second batch of Hong Kong subs. Baguio, Bold General, Cossack's Blood, Melody and Paul Jones are all making the trip.

Carnation II, "double" winner at the last meeting, is not likely to repeat his fine performance, as Black Velvet, also a "double" winner is going out in the Ho Kiang Handicap.

The following are the entries and handicaps:

1. (Unofficial). The Ladies' Race "E" Class—Once Round.

Auction Bridge	140
Blue Plane	130
Bold Lad	130
Cheerful Sun	130
Gold Bridge	140
Jupiter	140
Oh Yeah	140
Pure Music	130
Sanction	140
Shanghai Benu	140
Smiling Commander	130

2. The Green Island Handicap.

Circus Eve	155
Blue Plane	(158)
Dashaway	140
Green Jade	140
Happy Man	155

ODDS-ON FAVOURITE

Peter Pan Wins Australian Jockey Club Plate

Sydney, Apr. 22.
The race for the Australian Jockey Club Plate which was run at Sydney to-day resulted as follows:

PETER PAN 8.2
LOUGH NEAGH 8.11
JOHNNIE JASON 8.11
Won by a neck, length between second and third. Time 3 mins. 55 secs. Six ran.
Starting prices: 7-4 on, 14-1; 25-1.

Pure Music	159
Smiling Commander	167
Jingo	165
Whitehall	149
Sakate	165

3. The Macao Handicap—Seven Furlongs

Agua Pura	149
Bold Lad	160
Carnation II	162
Cheerful Sun	155
Happy Man	144
Kwangchow	140
New King	163
Pure Music	146
Shimmy II	158
So On	145
Three Swords II	146

4. The Colowan Handicap—Five Furlongs

Baguio	145
Bold General	150
City of Canton	150
Cossack's Blood	148
Heather Leaf	140
Melody	168
Oh Yeah	145
Paul Jones	148
Lucky Star	152

N.B. If top weight does not start all weights to be raised 5 lbs.

5. The Taipa Handicap "D" Class—Once Round

Black Rock	159
Cebu	150
Flying Boy	168
Glen Shee	163
Golly Eyes	168
Helter Skelter	156
Iron Grey	159
New King	140
Spotted Leaf	145
The Loafer	156
Valley Hall	159
White Butterfly	159

6. The Ho Kiang Handicap "E" Class—Once Round.

Black Velvet	158
Carnation II	146
Invincible	147
Just Imagine	168
Oh Yeah	140
Sanction	148
Ta Peastie	145
Lucky Star	152

N.B. If top weight does not start all weights to be raised 5 lbs.



H.K. AREA TENNIS LEAGUE COMMENCES

Detailed Scores-Of Monday's Games.

TUSON AND PEDLEY GIVE R. A. M. C. WIN

The Hong Kong Area Tennis League was ushered in on Monday afternoon with two matches, the H. K. S. R. A. and the Royal Army Service Corps recording victories.

The following were the detailed results:

H.K.S.R.A. 9; "D" Coy., Lincoln 0
L/Cpl. Heath and L/Cpl. Fellows (Lincolns):—
lost to Bdr. Thomas and Sgt. Bryant 3-6
lost to Lt. Ropes and Sgt. Harding 0-6
lost to Lt. Waring and Sgt. Pratt 2-6
Cpl. Shamble and Pte. Marsh (Lincolns):—
lost to Thomas and Bryant 0-6
lost to Ropes and Harding 1-6
lost to Waring and Pratt 2-6
L/Cpl. Colclough and Pte. Matthews (Lincolns):—
lost to Thomas and Bryant 3-6
lost to Ropes and Harding 3-6
lost to Waring and Pratt 2-6
R.A.M.C. 5; R.A.O.C. 4.

Maj. Sarsfield and Rev. Lewis Bryan (R.A.M.C.):—
lost to Lt. Col. Macpherson and S/Sgt. Gould 1-6
lost to S/Sgt. Taylor and S/Sgt. Shave 1-6
lost to S/Sgt. Clarke and S/Sgt. Routledge 1-6
Sgt. Major Tuson and Pte. Pedley (R.A.M.C.):—
beat Macpherson and Gould 12-11
beat Taylor and Shave 6-2
beat Clarke and Routledge 6-3
Pte. Smith and Pte. Stevens (R.A.M.C.):—
beat Macpherson and Gould 6-2
beat Taylor and Shave 6-3
lost to Clarke and Routledge 4-6

JAVA INVITE COLONY SOCCER TEAM

EXPENSES OF LOCALS GUARANTEED.

Second Invitation To Dutch East Indies In 10 Years.

STRONGEST ELEVEN REQUESTED (By OUTSIDE LEFT).

The possibility of a representative Hong Kong soccer eleven visiting the Dutch East Indies in the near future has been brought about by an invitation received from the Nederl-Indische Voetbal Club of Sourabaya, Java.

The invitation, the second in ten years, guarantees all expenses for the Colony team.

It is thought probable that the trip will meet with favour when the question is discussed at the forthcoming Hong Kong Football Association Council meeting.

The previous invitation was not accepted owing to the Dutch Club refusing to guarantee expenses.

The Dutch Club has requested the strongest possible Hong Kong side to make the tour, but owing to the fact that the trip will probably extend over a period of six weeks, it is extremely doubtful whether the cream of the Colony's soccer talent will be able to make the trip.

It will be recalled that the South China Athletic Association and the Chinese Athletic Association have both sent teams to the Dutch East Indies where they met with marked success.

Mr. G. T. May, Hon. Sec. of the Hong Kong Football Association received the invitation yesterday.

ATKINSON AND MALBY REACH FINAL

Lincoln Amateur Billiards Championship

Pte. J. Atkinson and L/Cpl. Malby will meet in the Final Round of the Lincoln Regiment's Amateur Billiards Championship next week.

Yesterday Atkinson beat Pte. R. Turner by 250 points to 220 after a thrilling struggle in which the result was ever in doubt. Two breaks of 39 by Malby completely demoralised Pte. C. Abbott, who lost by 250 points to 125 in the other semi-final game.



TAM KONG - PAK SUSPENDED

Shield Final Incident With Harris.

SOUTH CHINA'S LOSS

TAM KONG-PAK, ONE OF SOUTH CHINA'S AND HONG KONG'S MOST BRILLIANT FOOTBALLERS, WAS SUSPENDED LAST NIGHT UNTIL MAY 17—THE END OF THE SOCCER SEASON—BY THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE H.K.F.A. AT THE ENQUIRY HELD INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT IN THE FINAL OF THE SENIOR SHIELD THREE WEEKS AGO, WHEN R. P. O. DARLINGTON, THE REFEREE ORDERED TAM OFF THE FIELD FOR CHARGING L. HARRIS OF THE BORDERERS WHEN THE BALL WAS OUT OF PLAY.

SCHREUDER NEW "Y" WATER POLO CAPTAIN

Kerr Elected Vice At Council Meeting.

FIRST PRACTICE TO-MORROW

W. Schreuder was elected the new captain of the "Y" first water-polo team and W. F. Kerr, Vice-Captain at the Council Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section yesterday in the West Lounge.

Mr. E. F. Selk and Mr. K. Jenner were elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of the second team.

Messrs. W. Schreuder, W. F. Kerr and E. F. Selk were elected on the Water-Polo Selection Committee. It was decided at the meeting to hold the first water-polo practice game to-morrow evening at 6 p.m. sharp, when the forwards of the first team and the defence of the second team would oppose the forwards of the second team and the first team defence.

1933 Macao Race Figures

THE PONIES.

THE following are the complete results of ponies started in official races at Macao from January 1 of this year:

Battling Horse	1	2	3	Unp.
Bold Lad	3	1	0	0
Carnation II	2	2	1	1
Powerful King	2	1	1	1
New King	2	0	1	1
Jackie	2	0	0	1
Cheerful Sun	1	2	1	1
Agua Pura	1	2	0	2
Shimmy II	1	1	3	0
Banjo	1	1	0	1
Buchanan	1	1	0	1
Valley Hall	1	1	0	1
Three Swords II	1	0	1	1
Invincible	1	0	0	1
Spotted Leaf	1	0	0	1
Double Face	1	0	0	1
Black Velvet	1	0	0	1
Widnes	1	0	0	1
Partnership	1	0	0	1
So On	1	0	0	1
Kwangchow	1	0	0	1
Prestwick	0	3	0	0
Heather Leaf	0	2	0	1
Blue Plane	0	2	3	1
Brutus	0	1	2	1
Orlando	0	1	1	1
Genghis Khan	0	1	1	1
Drian	0	1	1	1
Smiling Commander	0	1	1	1
Peter Pan	0	1	0	1
Golly Eyes	0	1	0	1
The Crook	0	1	0	1
Spotted Leaf	0	1	0	1
Whitehall	0	1	0	1
Allwell	0	1	0	1
Oh Yeah	0	1	0	1
Per se	0	1	0	1
Hazel Leaf	0	1	0	1
Gold Mine	0	1	0	1
Imperial Hall	0	1	0	1
Pure Music	0	1	0	1
Lucky Star	0	1	0	1
Honolulu Moon	0	1	1	1
Good Morning	0	1	1	1
Tien Feng Shan	0	1	1	1
Green Jade	0	1	1	1
The Loafer	0	1	1	1
Boodle	0	1	1	1
Night Patrol	0	1	1	1
Gold Box	0	1	1	1
Horse	0	1	1	1
Black Rock	0	1	1	1
Wakefield	0	1	1	1
Happy Man	0	1	1	1
Just Imagine	0	1	1	1
Bird	0	1	1	1
Overall	0	1	1	1
City of Shanghai	0	1	1	1
Sanction	0	1	1	1
Fighting Blood	0	1	1	1
Until Then	0	1	1	1
Jingle	0	1	1	1
Brave Chap	0	1	1	1
Sakate	0	1	1	1
Gallant Fox	0	1	1	1
Circus Eve	0	1	1	1
Common	0	1	1	1
Adamastor	0	1	1	1
Roebuck	0	1	1	1
Dashaway	0	1	1	1

THE STABLES.

THE following are the records of stables at Macao since January 1 of this year (only official races included):

Wuang and Li	1st	2nd	3rd
H. Lowcock	3	0	0
Wong Ping-shan	3	1	0
G. H. Potts	2	3	3
G. Loh	2	1	0
Mok Hing-wing	2	1	0
P. I. Ka	1	3	2
Agua	1	2	0
K. W. Fung	1	2	2
Yew Man-Kit	1	2	2
Samson	1	1	0
L. Young	1	1	0
Mrs. P. Fong	1	1	1
H. E. Gov. of Macao	1	0	0
S. P. K.	1	0	0
Woo Lai-tin	1	0	0
H. Lowcock	1	0	0
H. L. Yung	1	0	0
A. H. Carroll	1	0	0
S. A. Lopes	1	0	0
Yick Chim	1	0	0
Festival	1	0	0
Dr. S. To Wong	1	1	1
Alfred Aitch	1	1	1
Hau Un	1	1	1
Miss Pearson	1	1	1
Lo and Liang	1	1	1
A. E. M. Rafeek	1	0	1
Yan Man	1	0	1
Lewis and Tinson	1	0	1
L. T. F.	1	0	1
R. H. Kay	1	0	1
Chan Wing-yung	1	0	1
Chiu	1	0	1
Miss Scott Harston	1	0	2

THE JOCKEYS.

THE following are the records of jockeys in official races at Macao since January 1 of this year:

A. L. Caplan	7	0	2	5
P. Young	5	2	2	1
A. J. P. Heard	4	1	2	5
D. Black	4	1	2	5
H. P. Chan	3	2	3	2
G. U. da Rosa	3	2	1	1
S. Y. Liang	2	0	1	1
P. M. L. Soares	1	1	0	0
F. M. L.	1	1	0	4
L. G. Frost	1	0	2	2
A. A. R. Botelho	1	0	0	8
Y. M. L.	1	0	0	2
R. A. Carroll	1	0	0	2
V. V. Needa	0	2	0	0
G. A. Harriman	0	1	2	1
Y. T. Fung	0	1	3	7
Yue Shun-wa	0	1	0	0
W. N. Yip	0	1	0	1
M. N. Cochrane	0	0	1	1
G. P. Fung	0	0	1	1
E. Joseph	0	0	1	1
W. C. Poy	0	0	1	1
A. G. Botelho	0	0	1	1

Jockey Club's New Steward

Mr. Thomas Egerton, the newly elected Steward of the Jockey Club, has won his promotion in a remarkably short time, for he was elected a member of the club only two years ago.

He is not, perhaps, so prominent a figure as his brother, Colonel Wilfred Egerton; he is fuller in the face, shorter in the collar, and less frequently seen in London.

But his knowledge of racing matters is as complete as his judgment is sound. He spends much of his time at Egerton House, Newmarket, which was left him by his father, the late Lord Ellesmere.

Mr. Egerton will automatically become Chief Steward of the Jockey Club in three years time, a post successfully held recently by his eldest brother, the present peer.

NEWS IN BRIEF TO-DAY'S SOCCER ENCOUNTERS

Two further matches in the Kowloon Cricket Club Tennis Championships were decided yesterday with the following results:

"A" Handicap Singles—A. E. P. Guest (—30) beat D. D. McKay (scr.) 6-3, 6-4.

Ladies' Handicap—Miss M. Griffiths (—3.6) beat Mrs. F. Goodwin (scr.) 6-3, 6-3.

The following were the results of matches played in the H.K. Area Tennis League yesterday:

Kowloon section—H.Q. Lincolns beat "B" Coy., Lincolns, 9 sets to nil.

Hong Kong section—R.E. & Sig. beat "C" Coy. Borderers 9 sets to nil.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., has kindly consented to be present at the Governor's Cup Football Competition between the H.K.F.A. and C.A.A.F. on the Club ground on Saturday, and will afterwards present the trophy to the winners.

The following will represent the H.K.F.A.—

Comber (R.A.), Allen (R.A.), Millington (R.V.), Ellis (R.V.), Pardo (R.A.), A. Duncan (Club), Baldry (Lincolns), B. Goano (St. Joseph's), Parkins (R. Navy), Ridley (Lincolns), Lt. Hocquard (Lincolns).

Reserves—Ash (Lincolns), Cork (Lincolns), Bryant (R.A.), Blake (Kowloon).

Mr. "Lolly" Goldman who left Canton on a business trip on Sunday night, arrived back in the Colony last night.

The Hong Kong University Union are holding a dance on Saturday, May 13, in honour of the Cricket XI that won the First League Championship for the first time since the 1927-28 season.

The semi-finals and finals of the Army Open Amateur Boxing Championships and the Novices Competition, postponed from Friday owing to rain, will be staged at the Open Air Ring at Shamshuipo Camp this evening, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

St. Joseph's, being unable to raise teams for their First and Third Division soccer ties against the Borderers to-day and on Saturday, respectively, have decided to concede the points in both games.

The Recreation's home soccer game against the Chinese Athletic Club, which should have been played on Saturday at Caroline Hill, has been postponed until May 14.

The Navy will be at home to the Athletic in their return soccer fixture on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground.

The Athletic will be at home to South China in the premier soccer League to-day on the Club ground, and all indications point to a reversal of the previous result, which was in favour of South China by 3 goals to 1.

The postponed Third Division soccer fixture between the R.E. and the R.A.S.C. will be played at Soekunpo to-day at 3.45 p.m.

The Third Division soccer encounter between the R.A.S.C. and the R.E. which was to have been played at Soekunpo on Sunday afternoon, will be played this afternoon at 3.45 p.m.



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THE UPPER BERTH

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"You seem to think I am likely to doubt the story," said the doctor, smiling at the detailed account of the state of the porthole. "I do not doubt it in the least. I renew my invitation to you. Bring your traps here, and take half my cabin."

"Come and take half of mine for one night," I said. "Help me to get at the bottom of this thing."

"You will get to the bottom of something else if you try," answered the doctor.

"What?" I asked.
"The bottom of the sea. I am going to leave this ship. It is not canny."

"Then you will not help me to find out—"

"Not, I," said the doctor quickly. "It is my business to keep my wits about me—not to go fiddling about with ghosts and things."

"Do you really believe it is a ghost?" I inquired, rather contemptuously. But as I spoke I remembered very well the horrible sensation of the supernatural which had got possession of me during the night. The doctor turned sharply on me.

"Have you any reasonable explanation of these things to offer?" he asked. "No; you have not. Well, you say you will find an explanation. I say that you won't stir, simply because there is not any."

"But, my dear sir," I retorted, "do you, a man of science, mean to tell me that such things cannot be explained?"

"I do," he answered stoutly. "And, if they could, I would not be concerned in the explanation."

I did not care to spend another night alone in the state-room, and yet I was obstinately determined to get at the root of the disturbances. I do not believe there are many men who would have slept there alone, after passing two such nights. But I made up my mind to try it, if I could not get anyone to share a watch with me.

The doctor was evidently not inclined for such an experiment. He said he was a surgeon, and that in case any accident occurred on board he must be always in readiness. He could not afford to have his nerves unsettled. Perhaps he was quite right, but I am inclined to think that his precaution was prompted by his inclination. On inquiry, he informed me that there was no one on board who would be likely to join me in my investigations, and after a little more conversation I left him. A little later I met the captain and told him my story.

I said that, if no one would spend the night with me, I would ask leave to have the light burning all night, and would try it alone.

"Look here," said he, "I will tell you what I will do. I will share your watch myself, and we will see what happens. It is my belief that we can find out between us. There may be some fellow skulking on board who steals a passage by frightening the passengers. It is just possible that there may be something queer in the carpentering of that berth."

I suggested taking the ship's carpenter below and examining the place,

but I was overjoyed at the captain's offer to spend the night with me. He accordingly sent for the workman and ordered him to do anything I required. We went below at once. I had all the bedding cleared out of the upper berth, and we examined the place thoroughly to see if there was a board loose anywhere or a panel which could be opened or pushed aside. We tried the planks everywhere, tapping of the lower berth and took it to pieces—in short, there was not a square inch of the state-room which was not searched and tested. Everything was in perfect order, and we put everything back in its place. As we were finishing our work Robert, the steward of my passage, came to the door and looked in.

"Well, sir—did anything, sir?" he asked, with a ghastly grin.
"You were right about the porthole, Robert," I said, and I gave him the promised sovereign. The carpenter did his work silently and skilfully, following my directions. When he had done he spoke.

"I'm a plain man, sir," he said. "But it's my belief you had better just turn out your things, and let me run half of this cabin. There's no good never came of this cabin yet, sir, and that's all about it. There's been four lives lost out of here by my own remembrance, and that in four trips. Better give it up, sir—better give it up!"

"I will try it for one night more," I said.
"Better give it up, sir—better give it up. It's a precious bad job," repeated the workman, putting his tools in his bag and leaving the cabin.

But my spirits had risen considerably at the prospect of having the captain's company, and I made up my mind not to be prevented from going to the end of the strange business. I abstained from Welsh rabbit and grog that evening, and did not even join in the customary game of whist. I wanted to be quite sure of my nerves, and my vanity made me anxious to make a good figure in the captain's eyes.

The captain was one of those splendidly tough and cheerful specimens of seafaring humanity whose combined courage, hardihood, and calmness in difficulty leads them naturally into high positions of trust. He was not the man to be led away by an idle tale, and the mere fact that he was willing to join me in the investigation was proof that he thought there was something seriously wrong, which could not be accounted for on ordinary theories nor laughed down as a common superstition. To some extent, too, his reputation was at stake, as well as the reputation of the ship. It is no light thing to lose passengers overboard, and he knew it.

About ten o'clock that evening, as I was smoking a last cigar, he came up to me, and drew me aside from the heat of the other passengers who were patrolling the deck in the warm darkness.

"This is a serious matter, Mr. Brisbane," he said. "We must make up our minds either way—to be disappointed or to have a pretty rough time of it. You see I cannot afford to laugh at the affair, and I will ask you to sign your name to a statement of whatever occurs. If nothing happens to-night we will try it again to-morrow and next day. Are you ready?"

So we went below, and entered the state-room. As we went in I could see Robert the steward, who stood a little farther down the passage, watching us, with his usual grin, as though he thought something dreadful was certain to happen. The captain closed the door behind us and bolted it.

"Supposing we put your portmanteau before the door," he suggested. "One of us can sit on it. Nothing can get out then. Is the port screwed down?"

I found it as I had left it in the morning. Indeed, without using a lever, as I had done, no one could have opened it.

I drew back the curtains of the upper berth, so that I could see well into it. By the captain's advice I lighted my reading lantern, and placed it so that it shone upon sitting sheets above. He insisted upon sitting on the portmanteau, declaring that he wished to be able to swear that he had sat before the door.

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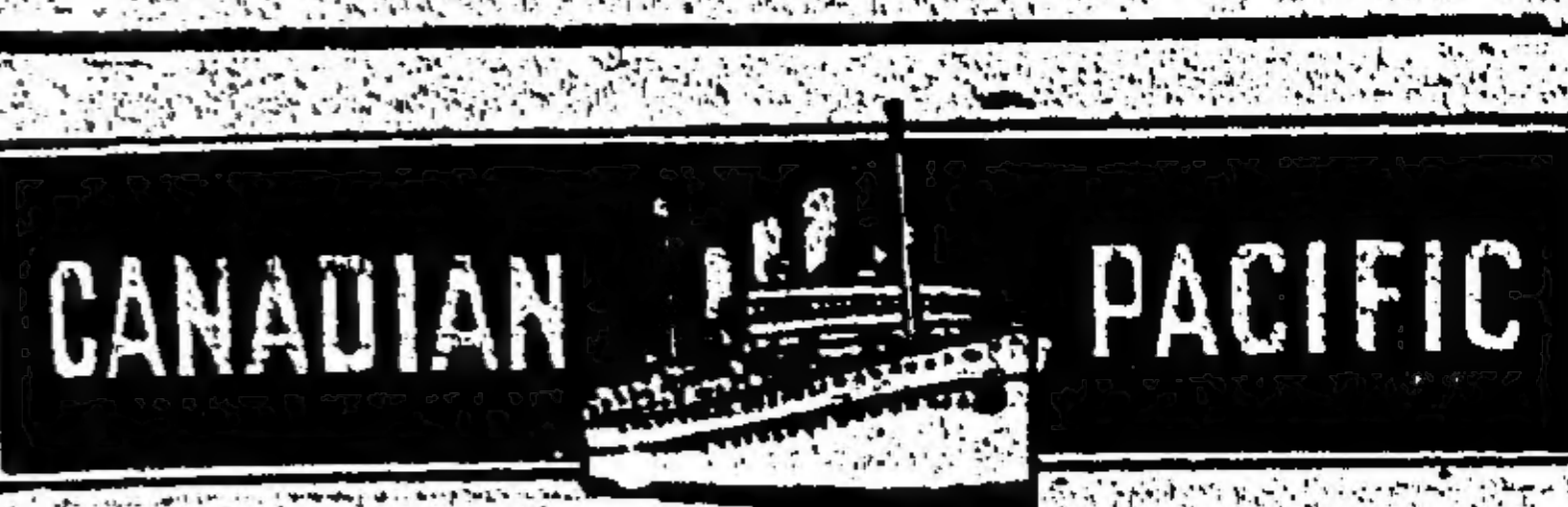
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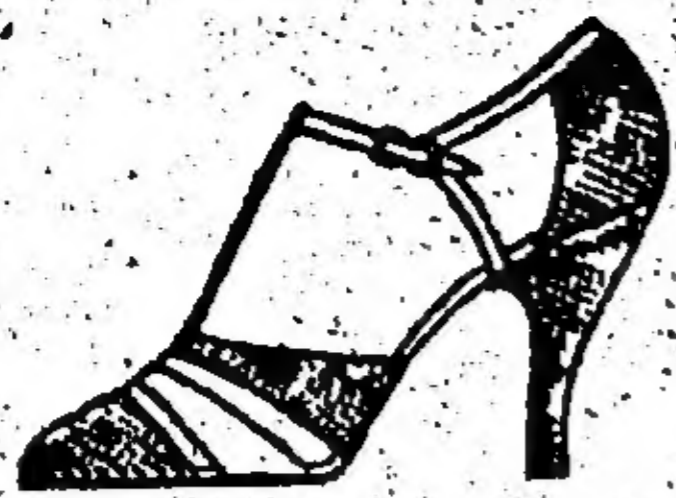
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RAIL ISSUES INCREASE ON WALL STREET

(Continued from Page 1.)

Industrial averages declined 50 to 77.29, but rail, utility and bond averages improved 2.22, 30 and 27 to 35.68, 26.03 and 77.03 respectively.
Eastman Kodak shares advanced 2½ points to 67½, while Pennsylvania Railways improved 1½ to 23½. Canadian Pacific also showed great strength rising 1¼ to 14½. Consolidated Gas of New York was another line that registered a rise of more than one point, closing on the day at 61½ as against 49¾ on Monday.—Reuter

FAMINE PLOT IN U.S.S.R.

70 Arrested For Theft
And Wrecking.

LOWERING GRAIN YIELD.

Moscow.
Seventy persons, who, it is alleged, sought to cause a famine in Soviet Russia by wrecking machinery and stealing grain supplies, have been arrested, following the disclosure of counter-revolutionary wrecking organisations, according to an announcement which has been published by the State political department.

This department has recently, it states, disclosed and liquidated these organisations in certain departments of the Commissariat of Agriculture and Commissariat of State Farms chiefly in the agricultural districts of the Ukraine, northern Caucasus and White Russia.

Members of the counter-revolutionary organisations are chiefly State employees, mostly of bourgeois and land-owner origin. The majority of those arrested, states the account, plead guilty to organising counter-revolutionary activities. It is stated that they own to deliberately damaging and destroy-

SYDNEY JUDGE THREATENED.

Anonymous Letter
Writers Warned.

Sydney.
A warning to writers of anonymous letters which had been received by him in connection with the Craig murder case was uttered by Judge Davidson when the re-trial was resumed to-day. He said he hoped no more such letters would be written, otherwise he would put the matter in the hands of the police.

Eric Craig is charged with having murdered Bessie O'Connor on December 16.—Reuter.

ing tractors and agricultural machinery, deliberately choking up fields with weeds, thus lowering the yield, setting tractor-machine stations and flax mills on fire, plundering the grain supplies of collective farms, disorganising the sowing and harvesting, and destroying cattle.

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